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Abstract

We solve an expected utility-maximization problem with a Value-at-risk constraint on the terminal portfolio value in an incomplete financial market due to stochastic volatility. To derive the optimal investment strategy, we use the dynamic programming approach. We demonstrate that the value function in the constrained problem can be represented as the expected modified utility function of a vega-neutral financial derivative on the optimal terminal wealth in the unconstrained utility-maximization problem. Via the same financial derivative, the optimal wealth and the optimal investment strategy in the constrained problem are linked to the optimal wealth and the optimal investment strategy in the unconstrained problem. In numerical studies, we substantiate the impact of risk aversion levels and investment horizons on the optimal investment strategy. We observe a 20% relative difference between the constrained and unconstrained allocations for average parameters in a low-risk-aversion short-horizon setting.

Keywords Portfolio optimization · Hamilton Jacobi Bellman equations · Utility maximization · Investment management · Stochastic volatility

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1 Introduction

In the context of incomplete financial markets, this paper establishes the relevance of dynamic programming techniques for portfolio optimization problems with terminal wealth constraints. This development allows us to find the first analytical solution to an expected utility maximizer in the presence of a Value-at-Risk constraint on the terminal wealth in a stochastic-volatility environment as per Heston model (see Heston, 1993). This is an important problem in the banking and insurance sectors; not only there is ample evidence of time-dependent volatilities in financial markets, see Wiggins (1987) and Taylor (1994), but also financial institutions have to comply with the minimum capital reserve based on Value-at-Risk (VaR) required by the Basel Committee on Banking (see Basak and Shapiro, 2001), and similarly the insurance sector must provide minimum guarantees due to solvency regulations (see Basak, 1995). These are effective constraints on their operating portfolios (see Boyle and Tian, 2007).

Our methodology generalizes the pioneering work of Kraft and Steffensen (2013) to incomplete markets due to stochastic volatility by demonstrating that the optimal wealth in the constrained optimization problem can be represented as an infinite sequence of vega-neutral financial derivatives on the optimal wealth in the respective unconstrained optimization problem with adjusted initial capital. To prove this result, we use a convenient financial derivative and match the Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman (HJB) equations under the real-world probability measure as well as an equivalent-martingale measure (EMM). Importantly, the link between the optimal terminal wealth in the wealth-constrained portfolio optimization problem and the optimal terminal wealth in the unconstrained problem was established in Basak and Shapiro (2001), where the authors considered a complete financial market and used the martingale approach (see Pliska, 1986; Karatzas et al., 1987). In contrast to Kraft and Steffensen (2013), Basak and Shapiro (2001) and other related papers, we demonstrate this link for constrained problems in an incomplete financial market with stochastic volatility.

In the complete market setting of Kraft and Steffensen (2013), the optimal terminal wealth of the VaR-constrained investor is represented as a portfolio consisting of four positions: a long position in the optimal portfolio of the unconstrained investor, one long and one short position in put options with the underlying asset being the optimal unconstrained portfolio but with different strikes, and a short position in a digital option with the same underlying asset. The strikes of the financial derivatives and the initial value of the optimal unconstrained wealth are fixed throughout the whole investment period. An important implication of our paper is that those quantities are continuously updated in the incomplete market setting. This result has a certain degree of similarity to the one obtained in El Karoui et al. (2005) and Kronborg and Steffensen (2015), where the decision maker wants to ensure that the portfolio value is almost surely larger than or equal to a lower bound at each time of the investment period, i.e., it is a strict lower-bound constraint that must be dynamically satisfied. The respective optimal solutions involve American options the number of which is updated and adapted to the realized risk as time evolves. In our setting, the financial derivatives are of the European type and their number as well as the design are adapted to ensure the neutrality of the overall portfolio to the volatility risk. It is an intriguing conjecture that, in the case of a VaR constraint that must be satisfied at all times, the options needed to always ensure the dynamic constraint and make the portfolio vega-neutral must be of American type.

In closely related literature, Escobar-Anel (2022) derives the analytical representation of the optimal investment strategy for a decision maker maximizing his/her expected power utility of terminal wealth subject to a VaR constraint on the running minimum of the wealth

process. To achieve this, the author extends the methodology of Kraft and Steffensen (2013) to path-dependent constraints in a complete Black-Scholes market. Chen et al. (2018) solves the portfolio optimization problem with a VaR constraint on terminal wealth in a complete financial market with three assets: a risk-free asset, a stock whose price dynamics follows the Heston model, and a continuously traded financial derivative that allows the investor to hedge the variance risk. In their setting of a complete market, the authors apply the martingale approach. When the market is incomplete, the martingale approach becomes significantly more difficult even for problems without constraints on the terminal portfolio value, since the investor cannot hedge any generic contingent claim and there are infinitely many equivalent martingale measures. Ntambara (2017) addresses portfolio optimization problems with a constraint limiting the present expected short-fall of terminal wealth in an incomplete financial market that consists of one risky asset and one money-market account with a stochastic interest rate following 1-factor or 2-factor Vasicek model. Using the martingale approach, duality and Malliavin calculus, the researcher derives optimal investment strategies. According to Ntambara (2017), the distribution of a so-called deflator (also known as the pricing kernel) must be obtained prior to solving the dual optimization problem and a deflator is not known when a stochastic interest rate is described by the Cox-Ingersoll-Ross (CIR) model. This aspect motivates us to tackle our wealth-constrained portfolio optimization problem via a dynamic programming approach in contrast to the martingale approach, since the stochastic volatility in our incomplete market is also governed by the CIR model. Our work provides more evidence of the usefulness of Bellman's principle of optimality for portfolio optimization problems commonly tackled via the martingale approach.

Our article, Basak and Shapiro (2001), and all references mentioned in the previous paragraph consider a portfolio optimization problem with a *static* VaR constraint, i.e., the decision maker aims to satisfy only at the beginning of the investment horizon the VaR constraint on the terminal value of the portfolio. In this case, the optimal investment strategy should be understood as a pre-commitment solution. In contrast, an asset-allocation problem with a dynamic version of the VaR constraint is studied in Cuoco et al. (2008) under the assumption of log-normally distributed returns of traded assets. In their setting, the utility-maximizing investor wants at every time of the investment period to limit the conditional probability of the portfolio value falling below a predetermined threshold during a small period of time (e.g., one trading day) if the investment strategy remained unchanged. The researchers assumption about the distribution of returns is violated in our setting where the price process of the traded asset follows the Heston model. Therefore, we could not directly apply the methodology of Cuoco et al. (2008) for our financial market even if we considered the *dynamic* VaR constraint as in Cuoco et al. (2008). We briefly compare their numerical findings with ours at the end of Section 4 below.

Our methodology can be extended in many directions, for instance, to other incomplete market problems, e.g., stochastic market price of risk, stochastic interest rates, or stochastic correlations; other terminal or intermediate constraints on wealth like expected shortfall; or other utilities like HARA or piece-wise concave. Each of these cases would need special considerations in terms of matching partial differential equations (PDEs) and terminal conditions. In other words, each problem requires a special crafting, i.e. an *ansatz*, of the financial derivatives permitting the matching of PDEs and, hence, linking constrained and unconstrained problems.

Closed-form solutions to wealth-constrained optimization problems in incomplete markets have remained elusive through the years, mainly due to the lack of techniques to tackle the problem. Next, we highlight relevant sources on utility maximization in incomplete markets for general constraints. Karatzas et al. (1991) consider an extension of the Black-Scholes

market where the number of risk drivers is larger than the number of traded stocks, placing constraints on investment strategies, rather than wealth. Their idea is to complete fictitiously the financial market. This completion is based on a suitably parameterized family of fictitious completions, which correspond to exponential local martingales. The “right” completion should satisfy a certain minimality property. Gundel and Weber (2007) study this approach for the only optimal terminal wealth but do not derive the corresponding investment strategies. The explicit representation of the optimal terminal portfolio value is derived via certain worst-case measures, which can be characterized as minimizers of a dual problem. In parallel, He and Pearson (1991) apply a martingale approach to solve a continuous-time consumption-investment problem in a setting with an incomplete market and no-short-selling constraints on investment strategies. They introduce the notion of minimax local martingale, transforming the dynamic problem into a static problem. Showing when the minimax local measure exists and how it is characterized, they derive conditions when the optimization has a solution, then linking the optimal strategies to the solution of a quasi-linear PDE.

Our paper is organized as follows. Section 2 introduces the problem at hand, a few important well-known results, and a first general representation of the main theorem of the paper. Section 3 focuses on explicitly applying the theorem to the power-utility maximization problem subject to VaR constraints in a Heston-model-based financial market. Section 4 reports details on the numerical implementation and the most significant results. Conclusions and an outlook for further research are presented in Section 5. Appendix A contains the results related to the unconstrained optimization problem. Appendix B provides proofs of theoretical results for solving the VaR-constrained problem. Appendix C contains the derivation of explicit formulas to calculate the price and the Greeks of a synthetic derivative linking the constrained optimization problem and the unconstrained one. Additional plots from numerical studies are provided in Appendix D.

2 Constrained portfolio optimization problem and its solution

We consider an investor maximizing utility from terminal wealth at time T with respect to a continuous and increasing utility (primal) function U . The price process $B(t)$ of the risk-free asset evolves according to $dB(t) = rB(t)dt$, $B(0) = 1$, and the interest rate r is assumed to be constant. The price process $S(t)$ of the risky asset follows Heston’s stochastic volatility model, introduced in Heston (1993). Its dynamics under the real-world measure \mathbb{P} is given by the stochastic differential equation (SDE):

$$dS(t) = S(t) \left[(r + \bar{\lambda}v(t)) dt + \sqrt{v(t)} dW_1^{\mathbb{P}}(t) \right]; \quad (2.1)$$

$$dv(t) = \kappa (\theta - v(t)) dt + \sigma \sqrt{v(t)} \rho dW_1^{\mathbb{P}}(t) + \sigma \sqrt{v(t)} \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} dW_2^{\mathbb{P}}(t); \quad (2.2)$$

with starting values $S(0) = s_0 > 0$ and $v(0) = v_0 > 0$, premium for volatility $\bar{\lambda} > 0$, mean-reversion rate $\kappa > 0$, long-run mean $\theta > 0$, volatility of the variance $\sigma > 0$ and fulfilling Feller’s condition $\kappa\theta > \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$. The portfolio value process under the real-world measure \mathbb{P} evolves according to:

$$dX^{x_0, \pi}(t) = X^{x_0, \pi}(t) \left[(r + \pi(t)\bar{\lambda}v(t)) dt + \pi(t)\sqrt{v(t)} dW_1^{\mathbb{P}}(t) \right], \quad X(0) = x_0 > 0,$$

where $\pi(t)$ denotes the proportion of wealth invested in the stock at time $t \in [0, T]$, with $1 - \pi(t)$ invested in the cash account, and x_0 is the initial budget.

We consider the set of EMMs that have the following Radon-Nikodym derivatives w.r.t. \mathbb{P} :

$$\frac{d\mathbb{Q}(\bar{\lambda}, \lambda^v(\cdot))}{d\mathbb{P}} = \exp \left(- \int_0^T \bar{\lambda} \sqrt{v(s)} dW_1^{\mathbb{P}}(s) - \int_0^T \lambda^v(s) \sqrt{v(s)} dW_2^{\mathbb{P}}(s) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \left((\bar{\lambda} \sqrt{v(s)})^2 + (\lambda^v(s) \sqrt{v(s)})^2 \right) ds \right),$$

where $\mathbb{Q}(\bar{\lambda}, \lambda^v)$ denotes a specific EMM, $\lambda^v(s)$ is assumed to be dependent on t and independent of $v(s)$, as per Heston (1993), and it also satisfies the Novikov's condition:

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\exp \left(\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \left((\bar{\lambda} \sqrt{v(s)})^2 + (\lambda^v(s) \sqrt{v(s)})^2 \right) ds \right) \right] < +\infty.$$

To make the notation concise, we will write only λ^v and $\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)$, since only λ^v is a degree of freedom in the choice of the EMM. Moreover, we assume that λ^v is such that $v(t) \geq 0 \forall t \in [0, T]$ under $\mathbb{Q}(\bar{\lambda}, \lambda^v)$ (see (2.3) and (2.4) below).

The Heston model under the EMM $\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)$ is given by

$$dS(t) = S(t) \left[rdt + \sqrt{v(t)} dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}}(t) \right]; \quad (2.3)$$

$$dv(t) = \tilde{\kappa} (\tilde{\theta} - v(t)) dt + \sigma \sqrt{v(t)} \rho dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}}(t) + \sigma \sqrt{v(t)} \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} dW_2^{\mathbb{Q}}(t), \quad (2.4)$$

where $S(0) = s_0 > 0$, $v(0) = v_0 > 0$, $dW_1^{\mathbb{P}}(t) = -\bar{\lambda} \sqrt{v(t)} dt + dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}}(t)$, $dW_2^{\mathbb{P}}(t) = -\lambda^v \sqrt{v(t)} dt + dW_2^{\mathbb{Q}}(t)$, $\tilde{\kappa} = \kappa + \sigma \bar{\lambda} \rho + \sigma \lambda^v \sqrt{1 - \rho^2}$, $\tilde{\theta} = \kappa \theta / \tilde{\kappa}$.

The wealth process under the EMM $\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)$ evolves according to:

$$dX^{x_0, \pi}(t) = X^{x_0, \pi}(t) \left[rdt + \pi(t) \sqrt{v(t)} dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}}(t) \right], \quad X^{x_0, \pi}(0) = x_0 > 0.$$

Let $\mathcal{U}(x_0, v_0)$ be the set of all admissible unconstrained investment strategies on $[0, T]$:

$$\mathcal{U}(x_0, v_0) := \left\{ \pi := (\pi(t))_{t \in [0, T]} \mid \pi \text{ is progressively measurable, } X^{x_0, \pi}(0) = x_0, \right. \\ \left. v(0) = v_0, \int_0^T (\pi(t) X^{x_0, \pi}(t))^2 dt < \infty \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.} \right\}$$

and $\mathcal{U}(t, x, v)$ be the set of all admissible unconstrained investment strategies π on $[t, T]$, given that $X^{x, \pi}(t) = x$, and $v(t) = v$. Denote by $\mathcal{A}(x_0, v_0) \subset \mathcal{U}(x_0, v_0)$ the set of all admissible investment strategies that satisfy at $t = 0$ a VaR constraint $\mathcal{A}(x_0, v_0) = \{\pi \in \mathcal{U}(x_0, v_0) \mid \mathbb{P}(X^{x_0, \pi}(T) < K) \leq \varepsilon\}$. As in Basak and Shapiro (2001) and Kraft and Steffensen (2013), the VaR constraint is static, i.e., it is satisfied only at the initial time $t = 0$ and may not be satisfied in general at a later time $t > 0$. Readers interested in a dynamic version of a risk constraint are referred to Pirvu (2007); Cuoco et al. (2008), where the authors consider a dynamic VaR of the projected portfolio loss over infinitesimally small time periods.

Unless otherwise stated, the decision maker maximizes the expected power utility function $U(x) = x^\gamma / \gamma$, $\gamma \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 1)$, $x > 0$, evaluated at the terminal wealth $X^{x_0, \pi}(T)$.

So, the main problem we study is

$$\mathcal{V}^c(0, x_0, v_0) := \max_{\pi \in \mathcal{A}(x_0, v_0)} \mathbb{E}_{0, x_0, v_0}^{\mathbb{P}} [U(X^{x_0, \pi}(T))], \quad (2.5)$$

where we write $\mathbb{E}_{t, x, v}^{\mathbb{M}}[\cdot] := \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{M}}[\cdot | X^{x, \pi}(t) = x, v(t) = v]$ for $\mathbb{M} \in \{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}\}$. Analogously, we will use the notation $\mathbb{M}_{t, x, v}(\cdot) := \mathbb{M}(\cdot | X^{x, \pi}(t) = x, v(t) = v)$ for $\mathbb{M} \in \{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}\}$.

Since the VaR constraint is static and must be abided by the investor only at $t = 0$, (2.5) can be transformed to an equivalent problem using a proper (optimal) Lagrange multiplier $\lambda_\varepsilon \geq 0$:

$$\mathcal{V}^c(0, x_0, v_0) = \max_{\pi \in \mathcal{U}(x_0, v_0)} \mathbb{E}_{0, x_0, v_0}^{\mathbb{P}} [\overline{U}(X^{x_0, \pi}(T))], \quad (2.6)$$

where $\overline{U}(x) = U(x) - \lambda_\varepsilon(1_{\{x < K\}} - \varepsilon)$ is a modified utility function. Static VaR constraint implies that λ_ε is constant and the problem is time consistent, i.e., the Bellman's principle of optimality holds. If we imposed a dynamic VaR constraint, i.e., $\mathbb{P}_{t, x, v}(X^{x, \pi}(T) < K) \leq \varepsilon$ $\forall (t, x, v) \in [0, T] \times (0, +\infty) \times (0, +\infty)$, then the λ_ε would be a function of (t, x, v) and the respective optimization problem would be time inconsistent, i.e., the dynamic programming approach would not be applicable and a different notion of optimality would be needed, e.g., see Björk et al. (2021).

We embed (2.6) into a family of related problems by varying time $t \in [0, T]$:

$$\mathcal{V}^c(t, x, v) := \max_{\pi \in \mathcal{U}(t, x, v)} \mathbb{E}_{t, x, v}^{\mathbb{P}} [\overline{U}(X^{x, \pi}(T))]. \quad (\text{PC})$$

We denote by $\pi_c^* = (\pi_c^*(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ the optimal investment strategy for (PC) and by $X^*(t) := X^{x, \pi_c^*}(t)$, $t \in [0, T]$, the corresponding optimal wealth process.

We will solve (PC) using the solution to the following unconstrained optimization problem:

$$\mathcal{V}^u(0, y_0, v_0) := \max_{\pi \in \mathcal{U}(y_0, v_0)} \mathbb{E}_{0, y_0, v_0}^{\mathbb{P}} [U(Y^{y_0, \pi}(T))], \quad (2.7)$$

where we denote by $Y^{y_0, \pi}(t)$, $t \in [0, T]$ the respective wealth process to emphasize its relation to the unconstrained problem. As in the constrained case, we can embed (2.7) into a family of similar unconstrained, time consistent, problems that start at a different initial point $(t, y, v) \in [0, T] \times (0, +\infty) \times (0, +\infty)$:

$$\mathcal{V}^u(t, y, v) := \max_{\pi \in \mathcal{U}(t, y, v)} \mathbb{E}_{t, y, v}^{\mathbb{P}} [U(Y^{y, \pi}(T))]. \quad (\text{PU})$$

Let $\pi_u^* = (\pi_u^*(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ be the optimal unconstrained investment strategy and $Y^*(t) := Y^{y_0, \pi_u^*}(t)$, $t \in [0, T]$, be the optimal unconstrained wealth process (2.7). These objects are known, since (PU) has been well studied in the literature. In particular, for Heston's models whose parameters satisfy the following condition (same as Condition (26) in Kraft (2005)):

$$\frac{\gamma}{1 - \gamma} \bar{\lambda} \left(\frac{\kappa \rho}{\sigma} + \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{2} \right) < \frac{\kappa^2}{2\sigma^2}, \quad (2.8)$$

Kraft (2005) solves the unconstrained utility maximization problem using the HJB approach to derive a candidate solution and then provides a verification result. Kallsen and Muhle-Karbe (2010) combines the martingale method, the concept of an opportunity process, and the calculus of semi-martingale characteristics for parameters that may violate Condition (2.8).

In Appendix A, for completeness, we provide two propositions regarding the unconstrained optimization problem. In Proposition A.1 we show the optimal investment strategy,

the optimal wealth, and the value function in (PU), which is a concise version of the results obtained in Kraft (2005) adapted to our notation. In Proposition A.2, we derive the characteristic functions of the logarithm of the unconstrained optimal wealth $Z^*(t) := \ln(Y^*(t))$, $t \in [0, T]$, under \mathbb{P} and $\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)$. These characteristic functions are needed later for pricing financial derivatives on the optimal unconstrained wealth and calculating their Greeks with the help of the inverse Fourier transform.

If $\mathbb{P}_{0,x_0,v_0}(Y^{x_0,\pi_u^*}(T) < K) \leq \varepsilon$, then the VaR constraint is non-binding, $\lambda_\varepsilon^* = 0$, $\pi_c^*(t) = \pi_u^*(t)$ and $X^{x_0,\pi_c^*}(t) = Y^{x_0,\pi_u^*}(t) \forall t \in [0, T]$. Therefore, from now on, we assume that $\mathbb{P}_{0,x_0,v_0}(Y^{x_0,\pi_u^*}(T) < K) > \varepsilon$ and the investor's initial capital x_0 is sufficiently large to satisfy the VaR constraint on the terminal wealth. The optimal wealth X^{x_0,π_u^*} for the constrained problem (PC) will be represented via a to-be-conjectured financial derivative on the optimal unconstrained wealth Y^* and the variance process v . They have the following SDEs under the EMM $\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)$:

$$\begin{aligned} dY^*(t) &= Y^*(t)r dt + Y^*(t)\pi_u^*(t)\sqrt{v(t)}dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}}(t); \\ dv(t) &= \tilde{\kappa}(\tilde{\theta} - v(t))dt + \sigma\sqrt{v(t)}\rho dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}}(t) + \sigma\sqrt{v(t)}\sqrt{1-\rho^2}dW_2^{\mathbb{Q}}(t). \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Let $D(\cdot, \cdot)$ be a Borel-measurable payoff function¹ of a financial derivative on Y^* and v . We denote by $D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v)$ the price of such a contingent claim at $t \in [0, T]$ such that $D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(T, y, v) = D(y, v)$. At $t = 0$, this financial derivative should satisfy the budget constraint and the terminal-wealth constraint, i.e., $D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(0, y_0, v_0) = x_0$ and $\mathbb{P}(D(Y^*(T), v(T)) < K | Y^*(0) = y_0, v(0) = v_0) = \varepsilon$ respectively.

The PDE for the price of $D(Y^*(T), v(T))$

$$D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v) = \mathbb{E}_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}[\exp(-r(T-t))D(Y^*(T), v(T))] \quad (2.10)$$

is known via the Feynman–Kac (FK) theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} D_t^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)} &= rD^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)} - ryD_y^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)} - \tilde{\kappa}(\tilde{\theta} - v)D_v^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}v\left[y^2(\pi_u^*)^2D_{yy}^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)} + 2\sigma\rho y\pi_u^*D_{yv}^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)} + \sigma^2D_{vv}^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}\right]; \\ D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(T, y, v) &= D(y, v). \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

The expected modified utility of the claim that is based on the modified utility function $\overline{U}(\cdot)$ is:

$$\overline{U}^{D,\mathbb{P}}(t, y, v) = \mathbb{E}_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{P}}[\overline{U}(D(Y^*(T), v(T)))], \quad (2.12)$$

where the optimal wealth process under \mathbb{P} comes from Proposition A.1. Due to the FK theorem, the investor's expected modified utility $(\overline{U}^{D,\mathbb{P}}(t, y, v))$ of the contingent claim satisfies the following PDE:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \overline{U}_t^{D,\mathbb{P}} + (r + \pi_u^*\tilde{\lambda}v)y\overline{U}_y^{D,\mathbb{P}} + \kappa(\theta - v)\overline{U}_v^{D,\mathbb{P}} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}v\left[y^2(\pi_u^*)^2\overline{U}_{yy}^{D,\mathbb{P}} + 2\sigma\rho y\pi_u^*\overline{U}_{yv}^{D,\mathbb{P}} + \sigma^2\overline{U}_{vv}^{D,\mathbb{P}}\right]; \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

¹ The payoff function $D(\cdot, \cdot)$ may have points of discontinuity, but the function must be Borel measurable, so that we may later apply the Feynman–Kac theorem, see, e.g., Theorem 6.4.1 in Shreve (2004).

$$\overline{U}^{D,\mathbb{P}}(T, y, v) = \overline{U}(D(y, v)). \quad (2.14)$$

We show now that the wealth of the constrained problem can be represented by the price $D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}$ of a contingent claim on Y^* and v , and the value function \mathcal{V}^c by the expected utility on the contingent claim $\overline{U}^{D,\mathbb{P}}$. The following theorem is our main result. It provides three conditions under which the PDEs and the terminal conditions associated with $\mathcal{V}^c(t, x, v)$ and $\overline{U}^{D,\mathbb{P}}(t, y, v)$ coincide, with $x = D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v)$.

Theorem 2.1 (Representation of constrained-problem solution)

Assume that Condition (2.8) holds and that the VaR constraint is feasible in (PC). Let $D(\cdot, \cdot)$, y_0 , $\lambda^v(\cdot)$ and λ_ε be such that $\mathbb{P}_{0,y_0,v_0}(D(Y^{y_0,\pi_u^*}(T), v(T)) < K) = \varepsilon$ at $t = 0$, $D(y, v)$ is non-decreasing in $y \in (0, +\infty)$ for any $v > 0$ and strictly increasing on a non-empty open sub-interval of $(0, +\infty)$, and the following three conditions are satisfied at each time $t \in [0, T]$:

$$-\frac{y\overline{U}_{yy}^{D,\mathbb{P}}(t, y, v)}{\overline{U}_y^{D,\mathbb{P}}(t, y, v)} = -\frac{yD_{yy}^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v)}{D_y^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v)} + 1 - \gamma; \quad (2.15)$$

$$\frac{\overline{U}_{yv}^{D,\mathbb{P}}(t, y, v)}{\overline{U}_y^{D,\mathbb{P}}(t, y, v)} = \frac{D_{yv}^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v)}{D_y^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v)} + b(t); \quad (2.16)$$

$$D_v^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v) = 0, \quad (2.17)$$

where $D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}$ is given by (2.10), $\overline{U}^{D,\mathbb{P}}$ is defined in (2.12), $Y^*(t) = y$, $v(t) = v$. Then the optimal² terminal portfolio value is:

$$X^{x,\pi_c^*}(T) = D(Y^{y,\pi_u^*}(T), v(T)) \quad (2.18)$$

$$\text{with } x = \mathbb{E}_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)} \left[\exp(-r(T-t)) D(Y^{y,\pi_u^*}(T), v(T)) \right] = D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v)$$

and the value function and optimal investment strategy in (PC) at time $t \in [0, T]$ are:

$$\mathcal{V}^c(t, x, v) = \mathbb{E}_{t,x,v}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[U \left(X^{x,\pi_c^*}(T) \right) \right] = \mathbb{E}_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\overline{U}(D(Y^{y,\pi_u^*}(T), v(T))) \right] = \overline{U}^{D,\mathbb{P}}(t, y, v); \quad (2.19)$$

$$\pi_c^*(t) = \pi_u^*(t) \cdot y \cdot \frac{D_y^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v)}{D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v)}. \quad (2.20)$$

If $\rho = 0$, solely Conditions (2.15) and (2.17) are required.

Proof See Appendix B.

Remarks to Theorem 2.1

1. We do not yet need to impose any condition on λ^v . Along with the parameters of the payoff function D , it is an important degree of freedom to ensure Conditions (2.15)–(2.17), as we will see in the following corollaries.

² Technically, the optimal terminal portfolio value and the optimal investment strategy are candidates whose optimality must be verified by a corresponding verification theorem.

2. Condition (2.15) is the same as in Kraft and Steffensen (2013). Moreover, in the absence of stochastic volatility, we recover their results for the Black-Scholes market. Recall that the relative-risk aversion (RRA) coefficient of $U(x) = x^\gamma/\gamma$ is $1 - \gamma$. Therefore, from an economic perspective, condition (2.15) means that the RRA coefficient of $\bar{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}$, which is induced by U , is $1 - \gamma$, since $D^{\mathbb{Q}}$ can be interpreted as the value function of a risk-neutral decision maker with the RRA coefficient of 0.
3. Condition (2.16) conveys a deterministic relation between the ratio of the Greeks vanna and delta for both the contingent claim value ($D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}$) and the expected modified utility ($\bar{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}$). This is similar to the deterministic relation on the ratio of the Greeks gamma and delta implied by Condition (2.15).
4. Condition (2.17) means that the financial derivative with terminal payoff D has to be vega-neutral at time t and the value v of the variance process (i.e., $\frac{\partial}{\partial v} D = \frac{\partial D}{\partial \sqrt{v}} \frac{\partial \sqrt{v}}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial D}{\partial \sqrt{v}} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{v}}$). The complexity lies in crafting this payoff function D .
5. If the optimal terminal wealth in the unconstrained problem with initial capital x satisfies the VaR constraint, then it is obviously the optimal wealth in the VaR-constrained optimization problem. In this case, $D(y, v) = y$, $\lambda_\varepsilon = 0$ and:
 - (2.15) $\iff \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}(t, y, v) = y^{\gamma-1} G_A(t, v)$ for some function $G_A(t, v)$, which holds for $\mathcal{V}^u(t, y, v)$ from (A.3);
 - (2.16) $\iff \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}(t, y, v) = \exp(b(t)v) G_B(t, y)$ for some function $G_B(t, y)$, which holds for $\mathcal{V}^u(t, y, v)$ from (A.3);
 - (2.17) holds;
 - (2.19) becomes $\mathcal{V}^c(t, y, v) = \bar{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}(t, y, v) \stackrel{\lambda_\varepsilon=0}{=} \mathcal{V}^u(t, y, v)$;
 - (2.20) $\pi_c^*(t) = y \left(\frac{\bar{\lambda}}{1-\gamma} + \frac{\sigma\rho}{1-\gamma} b(t) \right) \frac{1}{y} = \pi_u^*(t)$.

Next, we provide convenient sufficient conditions to facilitate the applications of Theorem 2.1.

Lemma 2.2 (Sufficient condition for (2.15) and (2.16))

Condition (2.15) is satisfied at time $t \in [0, T]$ given $Y^*(t) = y$ and $v(t) = v$, if there exists a function $H(t, v)$ such that the following sufficient condition holds:

$$\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}(t, y, v) = y^{\gamma-1} H(t, v) D_y^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v). \quad (\text{SC0})$$

Both Condition (2.15) and Condition (2.16) are satisfied at time $t \in [0, T]$ given $Y^*(t) = y$ and $v(t) = v$, if (SC0) holds with $H(t, v) = h(t) \exp(b(t)v)$ for some function $h(t)$, i.e.:

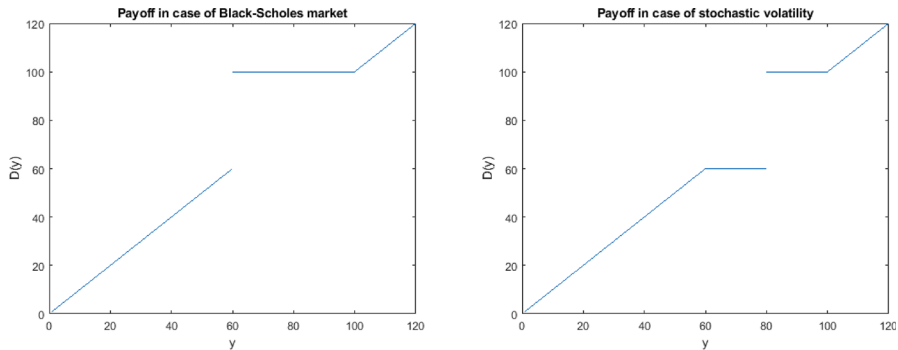
$$\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}(t, y, v) = y^{\gamma-1} h(t) \exp(b(t)v) D_y^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v). \quad (\text{SC})$$

Proof See Appendix B.

In contrast to the sufficient condition in Kraft and Steffensen (2013), Condition (SC) has an additional term $\exp(b(t)v)$. As we will see later, $h(t) = \exp(a(t))$ with $a(t)$ from Proposition A.1.

3 Detailed application of Theorem 2.1

In solving the VaR-constrained power utility problem in a complete Black-Scholes market, Kraft and Steffensen (2013) use a contingent claim $D^{BS}(\cdot)$ with the following payoff as seen



(a) Example of Payoff (3.1), complete Black-Scholes market

(b) Example of Payoff (3.2), incomplete stochastic volatility market

Fig. 1 Comparison of payoff structures of to-be-conjectured D in complete and incomplete markets

from time $t \in [0, T]$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X^*(T) &= Y^*(T) + (K - Y^*(T)) \mathbb{1}_{\{k_\varepsilon < Y^*(T) \leq K\}} \\
 &= Y^*(T) + (K - Y^*(T)) \mathbb{1}_{\{Y^*(T) \leq K\}} \\
 &\quad - (k_\varepsilon - Y^*(T)) \mathbb{1}_{\{Y^*(T) < k_\varepsilon\}} - (K - k_\varepsilon) \mathbb{1}_{\{Y^*(T) < k_\varepsilon\}} =: D^{BS}(Y^*(T); k_\varepsilon, t),
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

where $0 \leq k_\varepsilon \leq K$. The payoff (3.1) is illustrated in Fig. 1a. It consists of a long position of the optimal unconstrained wealth, a long put option, a short put option with a lower strike, and a binary put option.

The main result in Kraft and Steffensen (2013) (Theorem 1) and their VaR application (i.e., Proposition 2) requires only one condition, their Equation (8), to ensure a successful writing of the constrained problem in terms of a derivative on the unconstrained optimal wealth (i.e., the matching of PDEs). This is the key observation behind their need for only one degree of freedom, the parameter k_ε in their choice of contingent claim. However, their condition must be met at all times $t \in [0, T]$. It turns out that the condition leads to the same constant k_ε at all times and for all state variables. In other words, the contingent claim is the same at all times: $D^{BS}(Y^*(T); k_\varepsilon, t) = D^{BS}(Y^*(T))$. This further facilitates the calculation of k_ε and helps simplify the contingent claim. This conclusion is also supported by a concavification argument, as explained by the authors.

In the presence of stochastic volatility, we have to ensure two conditions, namely Equation (SC) (i.e., a sufficient condition for Equations (2.17) and (2.16)), and Equation (2.15). Therefore, the payoff structure requires a second degree of freedom, while (3.1) is no longer viable. Our choice of the payoff a contingent claim at a given time $t \in [0, T]$ is presented next:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X^*(T) &= Y^*(T) + (K - Y^*(T)) \mathbb{1}_{\{k_\varepsilon \leq Y^*(T) \leq K\}} - (Y^*(T) - k_v) \mathbb{1}_{\{k_v \leq Y^*(T) < k_\varepsilon\}} \\
 &= Y^*(T) + (K - Y^*(T)) \mathbb{1}_{\{Y^*(T) \leq K\}} \\
 &\quad - (k_v - Y^*(T)) \mathbb{1}_{\{Y^*(T) < k_v\}} - (K - k_v) \mathbb{1}_{\{Y^*(T) < k_\varepsilon\}} =: \widehat{D}(Y^*(T); k_\varepsilon, k_v, t),
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

with $0 \leq k_v \leq k_\varepsilon \leq K$. This payoff has an additional degree of freedom k_v , which is crafted to ensure Condition (2.17) at the corresponding time point $t \in [0, T]$, while k_ε

remains to ensure the sufficient condition (SC). In general, for $t_1 \in [0, T]$ and $t_2 \in [0, T]$ such that $t_1 \neq t_2$, the payoffs $\widehat{D}(Y^*(T); k_\varepsilon, k_v, t_1)$ and $\widehat{D}(Y^*(T); k_\varepsilon, k_v, t_2)$ are different. To emphasize this time-dependence while making the notation more concise, we write $\widehat{D}(Y^*(T); k_{\varepsilon,t}, k_{v,t}) := \widehat{D}(Y^*(T); k_\varepsilon, k_v, t)$, where $k_{\varepsilon,t}$ and $k_{v,t}$ are the related parameters of the contingent claim at time $t \in [0, T]$. Since $\mathbb{P}(X^{x_0, \pi_c^*}(T) < K) = \varepsilon \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{P}(Y^{y_0, \pi_u^*}(T) < k_{\varepsilon,0}) = \varepsilon$, $\widehat{D}(\cdot; k_{\varepsilon,t}, k_{v,t})$ has enough flexibility to ensure Condition (2.17), which can be seen as vega neutrality of the financial derivative. This payoff is illustrated in Fig. 1b.

We show in the proof of Corollary 3.2 that $(k_{\varepsilon,t}, k_{v,t})$ must be modified at every time $t \in [0, T]$ to ensure Condition (SC). This means that we deal with a state-dependent payoff. This is a financial derivative that can be hedged with a self-financing investment strategy and that has changing payoffs. In other words, we must use an infinite sequence, a continuum, of contingent claims to match the two conditions at all times. A similar development is needed in Kraft and Steffensen (2013) to tackle the so-called Expected Shortfall constraint in their Section 3.3, although the authors do not dwell on it.

Each contingent claim in the above-mentioned continuum of claims has the underlying asset Y^* and a payoff $\widehat{D}(\cdot; k_{\varepsilon,t}, k_{v,t})$ that has the structure of (3.2). Therefore, in order to apply our main theorem, we need to show that such a continuum of contingent claims (i.e., with payoffs $\widehat{D}(\cdot; k_{\varepsilon,t}, k_{v,t})$) can be modeled as a single contingent claim with a non-state-dependent payoff, denoted by $D(Y^*(T), v(T))$, as required by our Theorem 2.1. This connection is presented in the next proposition.

Proposition 3.1 *Let $\widehat{G}(Y^*(T); k(t, Y^*(t), v(t)))$ be some payoff function of a contingent claim with a state-dependent strike denoted by $k(t, Y^*(t), v(t))$. Let $\widehat{D}(t, Y^*(t), v(t); k(t, Y^*(t), v(t)))$ be the price process corresponding to this payoff:*

$$\widehat{D}(t, Y^*(t), v(t); k(t, Y^*(t), v(t))) = E_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{Q}} [\widehat{G}(Y^*(T); k(t, Y^*(t), v(t)))].$$

Assume that \widehat{D} is vega neutral at each $t \in [0, T]$ and that there is a self-financing investment strategy that replicates the price process of this financial derivative. Then \widehat{D} can be interpreted as the price process of a single contingent claim with price $\widehat{D}(t, Y^(t), v(t), \tilde{k}(t))$ and a non-state-dependent payoff $\tilde{G}(Y^*(T), \tilde{k}(T)) \equiv D(Y^*(T), v(T))$, such that for all $t \in [0, T]$:*

$$\widehat{D}(t, Y^*(t), v(t), \tilde{k}(t)) = \widehat{D}(t, Y^*(t), v(t); k(t, Y^*(t), v(t))),$$

where \tilde{k} can be interpreted as an artificial asset fully explained by (Y^, v) .*

Proof See Appendix B.

Next, we apply our main theorem, using the sequence of financial derivatives with payoff (3.2) and Proposition 3.1, and derive a more explicit representation of the solution to (PC).

Corollary 3.2 (Solution to (PC)) *Assume that Condition (2.8) holds and that the VaR constraint is feasible and binding in (PC). Set $\lambda^u(t) = -\sigma\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}b(t)$, and let $\widehat{D}(\cdot, \cdot)$ be the payoff derived – via Proposition 3.1 – from a continuum of payoffs, denoted by $\widehat{D}(\cdot; k_{\varepsilon,t}, k_{v,t})$, of the type given by Equation (3.2). Assume that $\widehat{D}(\cdot; k_{\varepsilon,t}, k_{v,t})$ is such that its degrees of freedom $(y_t, k_{v,t}, k_{\varepsilon,t})$ satisfy the system of non-linear equations at time $t = 0$:*

$$\begin{cases} h_B(y_0, k_{v,0}, k_{\varepsilon,0}) := \widehat{D}(0, y_0, v_0; k_{v,0}, k_{\varepsilon,0}) = x_0; \\ h_{VN}(y_0, k_{v,0}, k_{\varepsilon,0}) := \widehat{D}_v(0, y_0, v_0; k_{v,0}, k_{\varepsilon,0}) = 0; \\ h_{VaR}(y_0, k_{v,0}, k_{\varepsilon,0}) := \mathbb{P}(Y^*(T) < k_{\varepsilon,0} | Y^*(0) = y_0, v(0) = v_0) = \varepsilon; \end{cases} \quad (\text{NLS0})$$

and the system of non-linear equations for each time $t \in (0, T]$:

$$\begin{cases} h_B(y_t, k_{v,t}, k_{\varepsilon,t}) = x_t; \\ h_{VN}(y_t, k_{v,t}, k_{\varepsilon,t}) = 0; \\ y_t^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v_t - r(T-t)) (K - k_{v,t}) \frac{f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{Q}}(\ln k_{\varepsilon,t})}{f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{P}}(\ln k_{\varepsilon,t})} - \frac{K^\gamma - k_{v,t}^\gamma}{\gamma} = \lambda_\varepsilon^*; \end{cases} \quad (\text{NLS})$$

for the Lagrange multiplier given by:

$$\lambda_\varepsilon^* = y_0^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(0) + b(0)v_0 - rT) (K - k_{v,0}) \frac{f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{Q}}(\ln k_{\varepsilon,0})}{f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{P}}(\ln k_{\varepsilon,0})} - \frac{K^\gamma - k_{v,0}^\gamma}{\gamma}. \quad (3.3)$$

Here x_t is the realized value of $X(t)$ at $t \in [0, T]$, v_t is the realized value of $v(t)$ at $t \in [0, T]$, $f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{M}}(\cdot)$ is the conditional density function of $Z^*(T) := \ln(Y^*(T))$ under the measure $\mathbb{M} \in \{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}\}$ given $Y^*(t) = y_t$ and $v(t) = v_t$. Then, the optimal terminal portfolio value is given by (2.18), the value function is given by (2.19), and the solution to (PC) is given by (2.20).

Proof See Appendix B.

Remarks to Corollary 3.2

1. The tuple $(y_t, k_{v,t}, k_{\varepsilon,t})$ needs to be updated at every $t \in [0, T]$ in order to produce the right strategy. In a Black-Scholes market, Kraft and Steffensen (2013) does not need to update k_ε and y .
2. The conditional density functions $f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{M}}(\cdot)$ can be calculated using the inversion of the characteristic functions of $Z^*(T)$ provided in Proposition A.2.
3. The investor's value function \mathcal{V}^c , the price of the financial derivative $D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}$ and its Greeks $D_y^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}$ as well as $D_v^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}$ can be numerically computed using the Carr-Madan approach to pricing options. We provide the corresponding formulas for $h_B(y_t, k_{v,t}, k_{\varepsilon,t})$, $h_{VaR}(y_t, k_{v,t}, k_{\varepsilon,t})$, $h_{VN}(y_t, k_{v,t}, k_{\varepsilon,t})$ in Appendix C.
4. λ^v is the same as the worst-case shadow price in the unconstrained problem that leads to Y^* . As we represent X^* as a synthetic financial derivative on Y^* , it is not a surprise that λ^v appears in the optimal constrained solution too.

Other types of constraints on terminal wealth require problem-specific financial derivatives D . For example, for an investor with an Expected Shortfall (ES) constraint and a risky asset driven by the Heston model, we conjecture that the respective D is constructed from a sequence of financial derivatives whose payoffs are similar to Equation (20) Kraft and Steffensen (2013) but modified such that the first derivative of their current value w.r.t. current level of volatility is zero, i.e., they are vega neutral locally. For other constraints and financial markets, it may be helpful to follow a two-step approach presented next. In the first step, one shall solve the constrained problem in a complete Black-Scholes market and check whether the solution can be linked to the unconstrained solution via a financial derivative. If yes, then in the second step and for the incomplete market, one shall try modifying the payoff of the previously found financial derivative so that it can locally hedge the source of market incompleteness. Then the target financial derivative can be obtained by “gluing” a sequence of those contingent claims from the second step.

4 Numerical studies

In this section, first, we explain how we choose the model parameters and provide details on the solution procedure for the system of non-linear equations (NLS). Second, we conduct sensitivity analysis of the optimal constrained and unconstrained investment strategy w.r.t. key parameters such as the relative risk aversion (RRA) coefficient and the investment horizon.

4.1 Model parameterization and numerical procedure

We choose the parameters of the Heston model as in Table 4 in Escobar and Gschnaidtner (2016), the row corresponding to the average case of the table mentioned. There, the authors provide model parameterization under an EMM. In particular, we set: $\kappa = 3.6129$, $\theta = 0.0291$, $\sigma = 0.3$, $\rho = -0.4$, $v_0 = 0.03$, $\bar{\lambda} = 1$, $r = 3\%$. Under these parameters, $\lambda^v = 0.0238$, leading to $\bar{\kappa} = 3.5$, $\bar{\theta} = 0.03$. We set $\gamma = -2$, which corresponds to the RRA coefficient of 3, as also considered in Chen et al. (2018). We assume that the investor's time horizon is $T = 3$, his/her initial wealth is $x_0 = 100$, and the VaR constraint is specified by $K = 100$ and $\varepsilon = 1\%$ in the base case.

Solving the system of non-linear equations (NLS) requires numerical methods. First, we need to find $A^{\mathbb{M}}$, $B^{\mathbb{M}}$, $\mathbb{M} \in \{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}\}$ appearing in the characteristic functions of $Z^*(T)$. As we mentioned in Remark 2 to Proposition A.2, the ODEs for $B^{\mathbb{M}}$ have time-dependent complex-valued coefficients and are of Riccati type. To compute the solutions to those equations, we use a Matlab function `ode45` that is based on an explicit Runge–Kutta method. We chose a time grid of 10001 points, which corresponds to a time discretization step of $3 \cdot 10^{-4}$. Second, we compute the LHS of (NLS) using the Carr–Madan approach, see Appendix C for explicit formulas. Regarding dampening factors in this approach, we use 2 for plain vanilla put options (the 2-nd and 3-rd terms in the financial derivative D) and 0.5 for a digital put option (the 4-th term in D). Finally, the solution of (NLS) is computed by minimizing the sum of squared absolute errors, which is done with the help of a Matlab function `fmincon` with sequential quadratic programming as the underlying non-linear optimization algorithm.

4.2 Numerical results

In this subsection, we first compute and interpret the optimal constrained investment strategy in the base case of $\varepsilon = 1\%$. Second, we conduct a sensitivity analysis of $\pi_c^*(0)$ and the optimal parameters of the synthetic derivative D are with respect to ε . Third, we examine the impact of the RRA coefficient and the investment horizon on the optimal constrained investment strategy.

In the base case, the optimal unconstrained investment strategy at time $t = 0$ is equal to 33.71%. The optimal constrained investment strategy at time $t = 0$ equals 31.72%. The optimal terminal wealth in the constrained problem equals a financial derivative on the optimal unconstrained wealth with the following parameters: $y_0^* = 99.5$, $k_{v,0}^* = 68.55$, $k_{\varepsilon,0}^* = 87.96$. It means that the optimal terminal wealth in the constrained optimization problem given the starting value $x_0 = 100$ is equal to a financial derivative consisting of:

1. a long position in the optimal unconstrained wealth $Y^*(T)$ with $Y^*(0) = y_0^* = 99.5$;
2. a long position in one put option on the optimal unconstrained wealth $Y^*(T)$ and with strike $K = 100$;
3. a short position in one put option on $Y^*(T)$ and with strike $k_{v,0}^* = 68.55$;

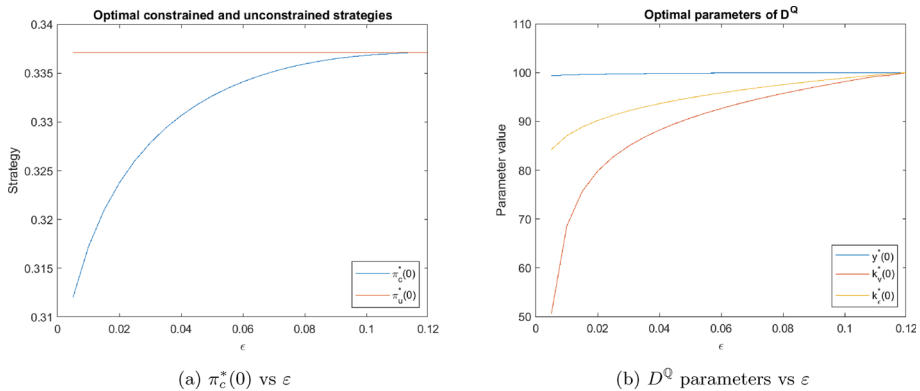


Fig. 2 The impact of VaR-probability threshold on the solution to Problem (PC)

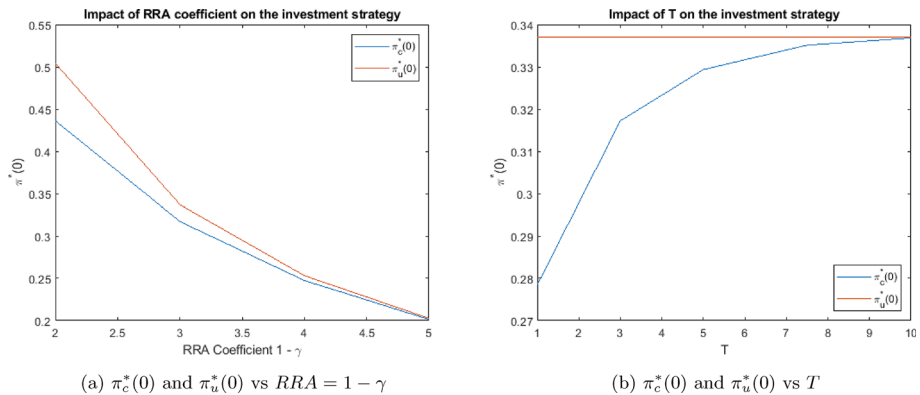


Fig. 3 The impact of risk aversion and time horizon on the optimal investment strategies

4. a short position in $K - k_{v,0}^* = 31.45$ digital put options on the optimal unconstrained wealth $Y^*(T)$ and with strike $k_{\varepsilon,0}^* = 87.96$.

Next, we analyze the impact of ε . Denote by $\varepsilon_u := \mathbb{P}\left(Y^{x,\pi_u^*}(T) < K\right) \approx 12\%$ the probability that the optimal terminal unconstrained portfolio value is below K . Consider Fig. 2, which consists of two subfigures. In Fig. 2, we see that for increasing ε the optimal constrained investment strategy becomes closer to the unconstrained one. This is intuitive, since the closer ε is to ε_u , the more the optimal constrained investment strategy should resemble the optimal unconstrained one. As Fig. 2b indicates, the larger $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_u$, the larger the optimal initial capital of the underlying of the financial derivative D (the optimal unconstrained portfolio) and the higher the thresholds k_ε and k_v . This is consistent with our previous finding that ε closer to ε_u leads to the optimal constrained investment becoming the unconstrained one. The same holds for the optimal terminal wealth, since increasing k_ε and k_v mean that the optimal payoff of the derivative D is closer to the identity function (cf. Remark to Theorem 2.1).

Next, we investigate in Fig. 3 the influence of the investor's risk aversion and time horizon on the optimal investment strategies. In Fig. 3a, we see that both constrained and unconstrained investment strategies are decreasing in the RRA coefficient $1 - \gamma$. The difference

between these strategies shrinks as the investor becomes more risk averse, going from a relative difference of approximately 14% ($\pi_c^*(0) = 44\%$ and $\pi_u^*(0) = 50\%$ for an RRA of 2) to a relative difference of 0% ($\pi_c^*(0) = \pi_u^*(0) = 20\%$ for an RRA of 2).

In Fig. 3b, we see that the optimal constrained strategy is increasing in the investment horizon and is approaching the unconstrained one. A constrained decision maker with a 1-year investment horizon will allocate approximately 28% of his/her money to the risky asset, while an unconstrained investor would allocate almost 33.7% to the risky asset, which means a relative difference of approximately 20%. However, over a longer period of time, e.g., 5 years, the investor allocates more money to the risky asset while still ensuring the desired VaR constraint, i.e., he/she invests 33% of the money in S_1 . For $T = 10$, the probability that the optimal terminal unconstrained wealth is smaller than $K = 100$ is around 1%, which is why the optimal unconstrained strategy and the optimal constrained strategy for $\varepsilon = 1\%$ almost coincide.

We also studied the impact of ρ , as well as the simultaneous decrease of the parameters σ and κ on the optimal constrained investment strategy. These last two parameters can be considered as a measure for the magnitude of the market incompleteness, since their joint decrease would eliminate the stochastic volatility. The impact of the parameters is very similar between constrained and unconstrained solutions; e.g., correlation decreases allocations almost with the same slope, while the joint decrease of κ , σ causes similar decreasing effects in allocation (slightly more pronounced on constrained allocations); this is why we did not report the figures here. In Appendix D of supplementary materials, we provide such plots under the parameterization of the model that corresponds to a more turbulent market and a less risk-averse investor. In that case, the described sensitivity effects are more pronounced, and the differences between constrained and unconstrained strategies are larger.

Finally, we provide a brief comparison of our numerical results and those of Cuoco et al. (2008) for an agent with CRRA and a dynamic VaR constraint with a constant VaR limit. Note that in their setting the dynamic VaR constraint means that at each $t \in [0, T]$ the conditional probability of a portfolio loss below a fixed VaR limit over a short period of time ($[t, t + \tau]$ for a small $\tau > 0$) is close to zero under the assumption that the investment strategy remains unchanged. As per Cuoco et al. (2008), the economic agent with a dynamic VaR constraint never invests more in risky assets than a VaR-unconstrained agent does. In our paper, as also mentioned in Basak and Shapiro (2001), an agent with a static VaR constraint may invest at $t > 0$ riskier than an agent without a VaR constraint, since the constraint is evaluated only at $t = 0$. According to Cuoco et al. (2008), an agent with a dynamic VaR constraint may not follow an optimal VaR-unconstrained strategy at $t = 0$ even if this unconstrained strategy satisfies the constraint at $t = 0$. In our problem formulation, the agent will always invest according to the optimal unconstrained strategy if this strategy satisfies the static VaR constraint at $t = 0$. In that regard, our setting has the same peculiarities of the static VaR constraint as those in Basak and Shapiro (2001).

5 Conclusion

In this paper, we solve a VaR-constrained utility maximization problem under the Heston model via dynamic programming. Our methodology extends the methodology of Kraft and Steffensen (2013) from a complete market to an incomplete market; hence, it opens the door to studying other types of terminal wealth constraints, e.g., expected shortfall, or incomplete market setting, e.g., stochastic interest rates, stochastic price of risk.

The key idea is to link the solution of the constrained optimization problem with the solution to the unconstrained one via a synthetic derivative. For the VaR-constrained problem, this derivative is based on plain-vanilla put options and a digital put option, whose strikes must be determined numerically and adjusted dynamically. In numerical studies, we find that, for investors with low risk aversion and short investment horizons, the relative difference between optimal constrained and unconstrained allocations could be substantial, e.g., 20% for normal market parameters.

Appendix A Results on unconstrained problem

Proposition A.1 Assume that Condition (2.8) is satisfied. Then the optimal investment strategy for (PU) is given by:

$$\pi_u^*(t) = -\frac{\bar{\lambda}\mathcal{V}_y^u + \sigma\rho\mathcal{V}_{yv}^u}{x\mathcal{V}_{yy}^u} = \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{1-\gamma} + \frac{\sigma\rho}{1-\gamma}b(t) \quad (\text{A.1})$$

with $k_0 = (\gamma\bar{\lambda}^2)/(1-\gamma)$, $k_1 = \kappa - (\gamma\bar{\lambda}\sigma\rho)/(1-\gamma)$, $k_2 = \sigma^2 + (\gamma\sigma^2\rho^2)/(1-\gamma)$, $k_3 = \sqrt{k_1^2 - k_0k_2}$ and

$$b(t) = k_0 \frac{\exp(k_3(T-t)) - 1}{\exp(k_3(T-t))(k_1 + k_3) - k_1 + k_3}. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

The value function is given by

$$\mathcal{V}^u(t, y, v) = \frac{y^\gamma}{\gamma} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where $b(t)$ is defined by (A.2) and

$$a(t) = \gamma r(T-t) + \frac{2\theta\kappa}{k_2} \ln \left(\frac{2k_3 \exp(\frac{1}{2}(k_1 + k_3)(T-t))}{2k_3 + (k_1 + k_3)(\exp(k_3(T-t)) - 1)} \right).$$

The optimal wealth Y^* has the following dynamics under \mathbb{P} :

$$\begin{aligned} dY^*(t) = Y^*(t) & \left[\left(r + \left(\frac{\bar{\lambda}}{1-\gamma} + \frac{\sigma\rho b(t)}{1-\gamma} \right) \bar{\lambda}v(t) \right) dt \right. \\ & \left. + \left(\frac{\bar{\lambda}}{1-\gamma} + \frac{\sigma\rho b(t)}{1-\gamma} \right) \sqrt{v(t)} dW_1^\mathbb{P}(t) \right], \quad Y^*(0) = y > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Proof of Proposition A.1 For the readability of this proof, we denote $\mathcal{V} := \mathcal{V}^u$. We face a two-dimensional control problem (PU) with state process (Y, v) and consider the HJB equation:

$$0 = \mathcal{V}_t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 v \mathcal{V}_{vv} + \kappa(\theta - v)\mathcal{V}_v + \max_{\pi} \left\{ \underbrace{y(r + \pi \bar{\lambda}v)\mathcal{V}_y + \frac{1}{2}\pi^2 y^2 v \mathcal{V}_{yy} + \pi y \sigma v \rho \mathcal{V}_{yv}}_{g(\pi)} \right\}$$

and boundary condition $\mathcal{V}(T, y, v) = \frac{y^\gamma}{\gamma}$. Eliminating max results in a first-order condition for π :

$$\pi_u^* = -\frac{y\bar{\lambda}v\mathcal{V}_y + y\sigma v\rho\mathcal{V}_{yv}}{y^2v\mathcal{V}_{yy}} = -\frac{\bar{\lambda}\mathcal{V}_y + \sigma\rho\mathcal{V}_{yv}}{y\mathcal{V}_{yy}} = -\bar{\lambda}\frac{\mathcal{V}_y}{y\mathcal{V}_{yy}} - \sigma\rho\frac{\mathcal{V}_{yv}}{y\mathcal{V}_{yy}} \quad (\text{A.5})$$

under the assumption that $\mathcal{V}_{yy} < 0$. Substituting the expression for π_u^* back into the HJB equation leads to the following non-linear PDE for the value function.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \mathcal{V}_t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2v\mathcal{V}_{vv} + \kappa(\theta - v)\mathcal{V}_v + yr\mathcal{V}_y - y\frac{\bar{\lambda}\mathcal{V}_y + \sigma\rho\mathcal{V}_{yv}}{y\mathcal{V}_{yy}}\bar{\lambda}v\mathcal{V}_y \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\frac{(\bar{\lambda}\mathcal{V}_y + \sigma\rho\mathcal{V}_{yv})^2}{y^2\mathcal{V}_{yy}^2}y^2v\mathcal{V}_{yy} - \frac{\bar{\lambda}\mathcal{V}_y + \sigma\rho\mathcal{V}_{yv}}{y\mathcal{V}_{yy}}y\sigma v\rho\mathcal{V}_{yv} \\ &= \mathcal{V}_t + \kappa\theta\mathcal{V}_v + yr\mathcal{V}_y + v\left(\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\mathcal{V}_{vv} - \kappa\mathcal{V}_v - \frac{1}{2}\frac{(\bar{\lambda}\mathcal{V}_y + \sigma\rho\mathcal{V}_{yv})^2}{\mathcal{V}_{yy}}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.6})$$

To find the solution, we use the separation ansatz

$$\mathcal{V}(t, y, v) = \frac{y^\gamma}{\gamma}h(t, v), \quad h(T, v) = 1.$$

In this case, $\pi_u^*(t) = \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{1-\gamma} + \frac{\sigma\rho}{1-\gamma}\frac{h_v}{h}$. We substitute the ansatz into the HJB equation and conclude that:

$$0 = h_t + \kappa\theta h_v + \gamma rh + v\left(\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2h_{vv} - \kappa h_v + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\gamma(\bar{\lambda}h + \sigma\rho h_v)^2}{(1-\gamma)h}\right). \quad (\text{A.7})$$

The structure implies that $h(t, v)$ is exponentially affine:

$$h(t, v) = \exp(a(\tau(t)) + b(\tau(t))v) =: h,$$

with time horizon $\tau(t) = T - t$ and, therefore, using boundary condition $h(T, z) = 1 \quad \forall z$, we get:

$$a(0) = a(\tau(T)) = 0, \quad b(0) = b(\tau(T)) = 0.$$

Using this structure of $h(t, v)$ and rearranging to emphasize the linearity in v , we obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -a'(\tau)h + b(\tau)\kappa\theta h + \gamma rh + v\left[-b'(\tau)h + b^2(\tau)\left(\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2h + \frac{\gamma\sigma^2\rho^2h}{2(1-\gamma)}\right)\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ b(\tau)\left(-\kappa h + \frac{\gamma\bar{\lambda}\sigma\rho h}{1-\gamma}\right) + \frac{\gamma\bar{\lambda}^2h}{2(1-\gamma)}\right] \end{aligned}$$

Cancelling h out leads to Riccati equations for a and b :

$$a'(\tau) = \kappa\theta b(\tau) + \gamma r; \quad (\text{A.8})$$

$$\begin{aligned} b'(\tau) &= \frac{1}{2}\underbrace{\left(\sigma^2 + \frac{\gamma\sigma^2\rho^2}{1-\gamma}\right)}_{k_2}b^2(\tau) - \underbrace{\left(\kappa - \frac{\gamma\bar{\lambda}\sigma\rho}{1-\gamma}\right)}_{k_1}b(\tau) + \frac{1}{2}\underbrace{\frac{\gamma\bar{\lambda}^2}{1-\gamma}}_{k_0} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}k_2b(\tau)^2 - k_1b(\tau) + \frac{1}{2}k_0; \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.9})$$

and boundary conditions $a(0) = 0, b(0) = 0$ with constants k_0, k_1, k_2 that have to satisfy $k_1^2 - k_0k_2 > 0$. Then according to Kraft (2005); Kallsen and Muhle-Karbe (2010) the solution is given by:

$$a(\tau) = \gamma r \tau + \frac{2\theta\kappa}{k_2} \ln \left(\frac{2k_3 \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}(k_1 + k_3)\tau\right)}{2k_3 + (k_1 + k_3)(\exp(k_3\tau) - 1)} \right) \quad (\text{A.10})$$

$$b(\tau) = k_0 \frac{\exp(k_3\tau) - 1}{\exp(k_3\tau)(k_1 + k_3) - k_1 + k_3}. \quad (\text{A.11})$$

with $k_3 = \sqrt{k_1^2 - k_0k_2}$. For the system to be well-defined, we have to check whether our constants fulfill $k_1^2 - k_0k_2 > 0$. Therefore, we formulate the following requirement on the parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} k_1^2 - k_0k_2 &= \kappa^2 - 2\kappa \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho + \frac{\gamma^2}{(1-\gamma)^2} \bar{\lambda}^2 \sigma^2 \rho^2 - \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} \bar{\lambda}^2 \sigma^2 - \frac{\gamma^2}{(1-\gamma)^2} \bar{\lambda}^2 \sigma^2 \rho^2 \\ &= \kappa^2 - \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} \bar{\lambda} \sigma (2\kappa \rho + \bar{\lambda} \sigma) > 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} \bar{\lambda} \left(\frac{\kappa \rho}{\sigma} + \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{2} \right) < \frac{\kappa^2}{2\sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

which is exactly what Kraft (2005) requires in their Equation (26). Note that the ansatz satisfies the assumption $\mathcal{V}_{yy} < 0$ as for $\gamma < 1$ we have $\underbrace{(\gamma - 1)}_{<0} \underbrace{y^{\gamma-2} h(t, v)}_{>0} < 0$.

Proposition A.2 *The logarithm of the unconstrained optimal wealth has characteristic functions of the form:*

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{M}}(u; t, z, v) &= \mathbb{E}_{t,z,v}^{\mathbb{M}} [\exp(iuZ^*(T))] \\ &= \exp \left(A^{\mathbb{M}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{M}}(T-t, u)v + iuz \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbb{M} \in \{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}\}$ and $A^{\mathbb{M}}$ and $B^{\mathbb{M}}$ satisfy ordinary differential equations (ODEs):

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -B_{\tau}^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u) + (\pi^*(\tau)\sigma\rho iu - \kappa) B^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \left(B^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u) \right)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} (\pi^*(\tau))^2 (u^2 + iu) + \pi^*(\tau) \bar{\lambda} iu; \\ 0 &= -A_{\tau}^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u) + riu + \kappa\theta B^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.12})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -B_{\tau}^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u) + (\pi^*(\tau)\sigma\rho iu - \tilde{\kappa}) B^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \left(B^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u) \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\pi^*(\tau))^2 (u^2 + iu); \\ 0 &= -A_{\tau}^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u) + riu + \tilde{\kappa}\tilde{\theta} B^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.13})$$

respectively, where $\tau := T - t$.

Proof of Proposition A.2 Applying Itô's lemma to the wealth process Y^* and the logarithmic function, we obtain the dynamics of Z^* under the measure \mathbb{P} :

$$\begin{aligned} dZ^*(t) &= \left(r + \left(\pi_u^*(t) \bar{\lambda} - \frac{1}{2} (\pi_u^*(t))^2 \right) v(t) \right) dt + \pi_u^*(t) \sqrt{v(t)} dW_1^{\mathbb{P}}(t); \\ dv(t) &= \kappa (\theta - v(t)) dt + \sigma \rho \sqrt{v(t)} dW_1^{\mathbb{P}}(t) + \sigma \rho \sqrt{v(t)} \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} dW_2^{\mathbb{P}}(t). \end{aligned}$$

To make the notation within the proof concise, we write $\pi^*(t)$ for $\pi_u^*(t)$. According to the Feynman-Kac theorem, the characteristic function satisfies the following relations under \mathbb{P} :

$$\begin{aligned}\phi^{Z^*(T),\mathbb{P}}(u; t, z, v) &= \mathbb{E}_{t,z,v}^{\mathbb{P}} [\exp(iuZ^*(T))]; \\ 0 &= \phi_t^{Z^*(T),\mathbb{P}} + \left(r + \left(\pi^*(t)\bar{\lambda} - \frac{1}{2}(\pi^*(t))^2\right)v\right)\phi_z^{Z^*(T),\mathbb{P}} \\ &\quad + \kappa(\theta - v)\phi_v^{Z^*(T),\mathbb{P}} + \frac{1}{2}(\pi^*(t))^2v\phi_{zz}^{Z^*(T),\mathbb{P}} \\ &\quad + \pi^*(t)v\sigma\rho\phi_{zv}^{Z^*(T),\mathbb{P}} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2v\phi_{vv}^{Z^*(T),\mathbb{P}}; \\ \phi^{Z^*(T),\mathbb{P}}(u; T, z, v) &= \exp(iuz).\end{aligned}$$

Using the ansatz for the characteristic function:

$$\phi^{Z^*(T)\mathbb{P}}(u; t, z, v) = \exp\left(A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v + iuz\right),$$

changing the variable $\tau = T - t$, substituting and grouping under \mathbb{P} , we receive

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= -A_{\tau}^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u) - B_{\tau}^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u)v + \left(r + \left(\pi^*(\tau)\bar{\lambda} - \frac{1}{2}(\pi^*(\tau))^2\right)v\right)iu + \kappa(\theta - v)B^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}(\pi^*(\tau))^2vu^2 + \pi^*(\tau)v\sigma\rho iuB^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2v\left(B^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u)\right)^2\end{aligned}$$

and, thus,

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= -B_{\tau}^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u) + (\pi^*(\tau)\sigma\rho iu - \kappa)B^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\left(B^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u)\right)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}(\pi^*(\tau))^2(u^2 + iu) + \pi^*(\tau)\bar{\lambda}iu; \\ 0 &= -A_{\tau}^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u) + riu + \kappa\theta B^{\mathbb{P}}(\tau, u).\end{aligned}$$

Analogously, we obtain the dynamics of Z^* under the measure $\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)$, writing \mathbb{Q} for short:

$$\begin{aligned}dZ^*(t) &= \left(r - \frac{1}{2}(\pi_u^*(t))^2v(t)\right)dt + \pi_u^*(t)\sqrt{v(t)}dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}}(t); \\ dv(t) &= \tilde{\kappa}\left(\tilde{\theta} - v(t)\right)dt + \sigma\rho\sqrt{v(t)}dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}}(t) + \sigma\sqrt{v(t)}\sqrt{1-\rho^2}dW_2^{\mathbb{Q}}(t),\end{aligned}$$

with $\tilde{\kappa} = \kappa + \sigma\bar{\lambda}\rho + \sigma\lambda^v\sqrt{1-\rho^2}$ and $\tilde{\theta} = \kappa\theta/\tilde{\kappa}$. These parameters may be time-dependent due to λ^v .

Again using Feynman-Kac theorem and the ansatz

$$\phi^{Z^*(T),\mathbb{Q}}(u; t, z, v) = \exp\left(A^{\mathbb{Q}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{Q}}(T-t, u)v + iuz\right),$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= -A_{\tau}^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u) - B_{\tau}^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u)v + \left(r - \frac{1}{2}(\pi^*(\tau))^2v\right)iu + \tilde{\kappa}(\tilde{\theta} - v)B^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}(\pi^*(\tau))^2vu^2 + \pi^*(\tau)v\sigma\rho iuB^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2v\left(B^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u)\right)^2.\end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$0 = -B_{\tau}^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u) + (\pi^*(\tau)\sigma\rho iu - \tilde{\kappa})B^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\left(B^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u)\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\pi^*(\tau))^2(u^2 + iu);$$

$$0 = -A_{\tau}^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u) + riu + \tilde{\kappa}\tilde{\theta}B^{\mathbb{Q}}(\tau, u).$$

Remark to Proposition A.2. The characteristic functions of $\ln(Y^*(t))$ have the same structural form as the characteristic functions of $\ln(S(t))$. The latter function is known in closed form. The ODEs for $B^{\mathbb{P}}$ and $B^{\mathbb{Q}}$ are of Riccati type, as in the case of the characteristic functions of $\ln(S^*(T))$. However, here, the coefficients of the Riccati ODEs for $B^{\mathbb{P}}$ and $B^{\mathbb{Q}}$ are time-dependent. Therefore, we solve them numerically. The analytical derivation of the solutions to these ODEs is beyond the scope of this paper.

Appendix B Proofs of main results

Proof of Theorem 2.1 Our proof is based on the fact that two functions are equal if they satisfy the same PDEs with the same terminal conditions. In the following, we:

1. use the dynamic programming approach to derive the HJB PDE of $\mathcal{V}^c(t, x, c)$, simplify it under the assumption that $\mathcal{V}_{xx}^c(t, x, v) < 0$ and get the optimal investment strategy π_c^* in terms of the (to be found) function $\mathcal{V}^c(t, x, v)$;
2. consider the PDE of $\bar{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}(t, y, v)$ obtained via the Feynman-Kac (FK) theorem and change of variables from (t, y, v) to (t, x, v) via $x = D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v)$, i.e., $\hat{\mathcal{V}}^c(t, x, v) := \bar{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}(t, (D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)})^{-1}(t, x, v), v)$ is our ansatz for the value function in the constrained optimization problem;
3. simplify the PDE from Step 2 using the assumption (2.17) that $D_v^{\mathbb{Q}}(t, y, v) = 0$ and using the PDE of $D^{\mathbb{Q}}(t, y, v)$ obtained via the FK theorem
4. show that the resulting PDE in Step 3 coincides with the PDE of $\mathcal{V}^c(t, x, c)$:
 - (a) for case $\rho = 0$ if Condition (2.15) holds;
 - (b) for case $\rho \neq 0$ if both Conditions (2.15), (2.16) hold;
5. show that the terminal conditions in the PDEs from Step 1 and Step 4 coincide and that $\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xx}^c(t, x, v) < 0$, which implies that $\hat{\mathcal{V}}^c(t, x, v)$ solves the HJB PDE of $\mathcal{V}^c(t, x, c)$ and enables the calculation of π_c^* from Step 1.

To make the derivations in this theorem more readable, we omit the arguments of the functions $\mathcal{V}^c(t, x, v)$, $D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v)$, $\bar{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}(t, y, v)$. We also omit the parameter λ^v of the EMM $\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)$.

Step 1. HJB PDE of \mathcal{V}^c . Similarly to the unconstrained Problem (PU), we face a two-dimensional control problem with state process (X, v) and consider the HJB PDE:

$$0 = \mathcal{V}_t^c + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 v \mathcal{V}_{vv}^c + \kappa(\theta - v)\mathcal{V}_v^c + \max_{\pi} \left\{ x(r + \pi \bar{\lambda} v) \mathcal{V}_x^c + \frac{1}{2}\pi^2 x^2 v \mathcal{V}_{xx}^c + \pi x \sigma v \rho \mathcal{V}_{xv}^c \right\} \quad (\text{B.1})$$

and the boundary condition $\mathcal{V}^c(T, x, v) = \bar{U}(x)$. Eliminating max results in a first-order condition for π :

$$\pi_c^* = -\frac{x \bar{\lambda} v \mathcal{V}_x^c + x \sigma v \rho \mathcal{V}_{xv}^c}{x^2 v \mathcal{V}_{xx}^c} = -\frac{\bar{\lambda} \mathcal{V}_x^c + \sigma \rho \mathcal{V}_{xv}^c}{x \mathcal{V}_{xx}^c} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

under the assumption that $\mathcal{V}_{xx}^c < 0$. Analogously to (A.6), we substitute the expression for π_c^* back into the HJB PDE (B.1) and get the following PDE for the value function \mathcal{V}^c :

$$\mathcal{V}_t^c + x r \mathcal{V}_x^c + \kappa \theta \mathcal{V}_v^c + v \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \mathcal{V}_{vv}^c - \kappa \mathcal{V}_v^c - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\bar{\lambda} \mathcal{V}_x^c + \sigma \rho \mathcal{V}_{xv}^c)^2}{\mathcal{V}_{xx}^c} \right) = 0; \quad (\text{B.3})$$

$$\mathcal{V}^c(T, x, v) = \overline{U}(x). \quad (\text{B.4})$$

Steps 2–4. PDE of $\overline{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}$ and a change of variables. Recall from (2.13) and (2.14) that the FK representation of $\overline{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}$ is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = & \overline{U}_t^{D, \mathbb{P}} + (r + \pi_u^* \bar{\lambda} v) y \overline{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} + \kappa (\theta - v) \overline{U}_v^{D, \mathbb{P}} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} v \left[y^2 (\pi_u^*)^2 \overline{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}} + 2\sigma \rho y \pi_u^* \overline{U}_{yv}^{D, \mathbb{P}} + \sigma^2 \overline{U}_{vv}^{D, \mathbb{P}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\overline{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}(T, y, v) = \overline{U}(D(y, v)).$$

We change variables as follows:

$$t = t, \quad x = D^{\mathbb{Q}}(t, y, v), \quad v = v. \quad (\text{B.5})$$

This change of variables leads to an equivalent PDE $\forall (t, y, v) \in [0, T] \times (0, +\infty) \times (0, +\infty)$, since:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial t}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial t}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial t}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ D_t^{\mathbb{Q}} & D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} & D_v^{\mathbb{Q}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \neq 0 \quad \forall (t, y, v) \in [0, T] \times (0, +\infty) \times (0, +\infty)$$

under the assumption of $D(t, y, v)$ being non-decreasing in $y \in (0, +\infty)$ with a strictly increasing part for any $t \in [0, T]$, $v \in (0, +\infty)$. The condition above is needed to ensure that the change of variables $(t, x, v) \leftrightarrow (t, y, v)$ is bijective, which is necessary for the equivalence of the respective PDEs on the whole domain.

Using the ansatz

$$\overline{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}(t, y, v) = \hat{\mathcal{V}}^c(t, D^{\mathbb{Q}}(t, y, v), v), \quad (\text{B.6})$$

we compute the corresponding derivatives that appear in the PDE of $\overline{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{U}_t^{D, \mathbb{P}} &= \hat{\mathcal{V}}_t^c + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_x^c D_t^{\mathbb{Q}}, \\ \overline{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} &= \hat{\mathcal{V}}_x^c D_y^{\mathbb{Q}}, \\ \overline{U}_v^{D, \mathbb{P}} &= \hat{\mathcal{V}}_x^c D_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_v^c \stackrel{(2.17)}{=} \hat{\mathcal{V}}_v^c, \\ \overline{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}} &= \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xx}^c (D_y^{\mathbb{Q}})^2 + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_x^c D_{yy}^{\mathbb{Q}}, \\ \overline{U}_{yv}^{D, \mathbb{P}} &= \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xv}^c D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_x^c D_{yv}^{\mathbb{Q}} + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xx}^c D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} D_v^{\mathbb{Q}} \stackrel{(2.17)}{=} \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xv}^c D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_x^c D_{yv}^{\mathbb{Q}}, \\ \overline{U}_{vv}^{D, \mathbb{P}} &= 2\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xv}^c D_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_x^c D_{vv}^{\mathbb{Q}} + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{vv}^c + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xx}^c (D_v^{\mathbb{Q}})^2 \stackrel{(2.17)}{=} \hat{\mathcal{V}}_x^c D_{vv}^{\mathbb{Q}} + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{vv}^c. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.7})$$

Next we substitute these derivatives into the PDE of $\overline{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}$, also use the PDE for $D_t^{\mathbb{Q}}$ to simplify the equation, and then we cancel out terms and insert the assumption $D^{\mathbb{Q}}(t, y, v) = x$.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\stackrel{(2.13)}{=} \overline{U}_t^{D, \mathbb{P}} + yr \overline{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} + \kappa \theta \overline{U}_v^{D, \mathbb{P}} + v \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \overline{U}_{vv}^{D, \mathbb{P}} - \kappa \overline{U}_v^{D, \mathbb{P}} + y \bar{\lambda} \pi_u^* \overline{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} y^2 (\pi_u^*)^2 \overline{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}} + \sigma \rho y \pi_u^* \overline{U}_{yv}^{D, \mathbb{P}} \right) \\ &\stackrel{(B.7)}{=} \hat{\mathcal{V}}_t^c + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_x^c D_t^{\mathbb{Q}} + yr \hat{\mathcal{V}}_x^c D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} + \kappa \theta \hat{\mathcal{V}}_v^c + v \left[\frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \left(\hat{\mathcal{V}}_x^c D_{vv}^{\mathbb{Q}} + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{vv}^c \right) - \kappa \hat{\mathcal{V}}_v^c + y \bar{\lambda} \pi_u^* \hat{\mathcal{V}}_x^c D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{2} y^2 (\pi_u^*)^2 \left(\hat{\gamma}_{xx}^c (D_y^Q)^2 + \hat{\gamma}_x^c D_{yy}^Q \right) + \sigma \rho y \pi_u^* \left(\hat{\gamma}_{xv}^c D_y^Q + \hat{\gamma}_x^c D_{yv}^Q \right) \Big] \\
& \stackrel{(2.17)}{=} \hat{\gamma}_t^c + \hat{\gamma}_x^c r x + \kappa \theta \hat{\gamma}_v^c + v \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \hat{\gamma}_{vv}^c - \kappa \hat{\gamma}_v^c + y \bar{\lambda} \pi_u^* \hat{\gamma}_x^c D_y^Q \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} y^2 (\pi_u^*)^2 \left(\hat{\gamma}_{xx}^c (D_y^Q)^2 + \sigma \rho y \pi_u^* \left(\hat{\gamma}_{xv}^c D_y^Q \right) \right) \right. \\
& \quad \stackrel{(i)}{=} \hat{\gamma}_t^c + x r \hat{\gamma}_x^c + \kappa \theta \hat{\gamma}_v^c + v \left[\frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \hat{\gamma}_{vv}^c - \kappa \hat{\gamma}_v^c - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\bar{\lambda} \hat{\gamma}_x^c + \sigma \rho \hat{\gamma}_{xv}^c)^2}{\hat{\gamma}_{xx}^c} \right] + v \\
& \quad \cdot \underbrace{\left(y \bar{\lambda} \pi_u^* \hat{\gamma}_x^c D_y^Q + \frac{1}{2} y^2 (\pi_u^*)^2 \hat{\gamma}_{xx}^c (D_y^Q)^2 + \sigma \rho y \pi_u^* \hat{\gamma}_{xv}^c D_y^Q + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\bar{\lambda} \hat{\gamma}_x^c + \sigma \rho \hat{\gamma}_{xv}^c)^2}{\hat{\gamma}_{xx}^c} \right)}_C,
\end{aligned}$$

where in (i) we added and subtracted the term $-v \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\bar{\lambda} \hat{\gamma}_x^c + \sigma \rho \hat{\gamma}_{xv}^c)^2}{\hat{\gamma}_{xx}^c}$.

We show now that under Conditions (2.15) and (2.16), the term C is zero. Expanding the brackets in the last term of C we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
C &= y \bar{\lambda} \pi_u^* \hat{\gamma}_x^c D_y^Q + \frac{1}{2} y^2 (\pi_u^*)^2 \hat{\gamma}_{xx}^c (D_y^Q)^2 + \sigma \rho y \pi_u^* \hat{\gamma}_{xv}^c D_y^Q + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\lambda}^2 \frac{(\hat{\gamma}_x^c)^2}{\hat{\gamma}_{xx}^c} \\
& \quad + \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho \frac{\hat{\gamma}_x^c \hat{\gamma}_{xv}^c}{\hat{\gamma}_{xx}^c} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \rho^2 \frac{(\hat{\gamma}_{xv}^c)^2}{\hat{\gamma}_{xx}^c}.
\end{aligned}$$

Using (B.7), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\gamma}_x^c &= \frac{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{D_y^Q}, \quad \hat{\gamma}_{xx}^c = \frac{\bar{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_y^Q - \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_{yy}^Q}{(D_y^Q)^3}, \\
\hat{\gamma}_{xv}^c &= \frac{1}{D_y^Q} \left(\bar{U}_{yv}^{D, \mathbb{P}} - \hat{\gamma}_x^c D_{yv}^Q \right) = \frac{\bar{U}_{yv}^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_y^Q - \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_{yv}^Q}{(D_y^Q)^2}.
\end{aligned} \tag{B.8}$$

Inserting these expressions in C , we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
C &= y \bar{\lambda} \pi_u^* \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} + \frac{1}{2} y^2 (\pi_u^*)^2 \frac{\bar{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_y^Q - \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_{yy}^Q}{D_y^Q} + \sigma \rho y \pi_u^* \frac{\bar{U}_{yv}^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_y^Q - \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_{yv}^Q}{D_y^Q} \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\lambda}^2 \frac{(\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}})^2 D_y^Q}{\bar{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_y^Q - \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_{yy}^Q} + \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} \frac{\bar{U}_{yv}^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_y^Q - \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_{yv}^Q}{\bar{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_y^Q - \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_{yy}^Q} \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \rho^2 \frac{(\bar{U}_{yv}^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_y^Q - \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_{yv}^Q)^2}{D_y^Q (\bar{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_y^Q - \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_{yy}^Q)} \\
&= y \bar{\lambda} \pi_u^* \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} + \frac{1}{2} y^2 (\pi_u^*)^2 \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} \left(\frac{\bar{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}} - \frac{D_{yy}^Q}{D_y^Q} \right) + \sigma \rho y \pi_u^* \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} \left(\frac{\bar{U}_{yv}^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}} - \frac{D_{yv}^Q}{D_y^Q} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \bar{\lambda}^2 \frac{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{\left(\frac{\bar{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}} - \frac{D_{yy}^Q}{D_y^Q} \right)} + \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} \frac{\left(\frac{\bar{U}_{yv}^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}} - \frac{D_{yv}^Q}{D_y^Q} \right)}{\left(\frac{\bar{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}} - \frac{D_{yy}^Q}{D_y^Q} \right)} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \rho^2 \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} \frac{\left(\frac{\bar{U}_{yv}^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}} - \frac{D_{yv}^Q}{D_y^Q} \right)^2}{\left(\frac{\bar{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}} - \frac{D_{yy}^Q}{D_y^Q} \right)}$$

Denoting

$$A = \left(\frac{\bar{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}} - \frac{D_{yy}^Q}{D_y^Q} \right) \text{ and } B = \left(\frac{\bar{U}_{yv}^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}} - \frac{D_{yv}^Q}{D_y^Q} \right),$$

we get:

$$C = \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} \left(y \bar{\lambda} \pi_u^* + \frac{1}{2} y^2 (\pi_u^*)^2 A + \sigma \rho y \pi_u^* B + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\lambda}^2 \frac{1}{A} + \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho \frac{B}{A} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \rho^2 \frac{B^2}{A} \right). \quad (\text{B.9})$$

If $\rho = 0$, the term B disappears (i.e., no condition on B is required) and (B.9) becomes:

$$C = \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} \left(y \bar{\lambda} \pi_u^* + \frac{1}{2} y^2 (\pi_u^*)^2 A + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\lambda}^2 \frac{1}{A} \right) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\stackrel{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} > 0}{\iff} \frac{1}{2A} (\bar{\lambda} + y \pi_u^* A)^2 \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \stackrel{(A.1)}{\iff} A \stackrel{!}{=} -\frac{1-\gamma}{y},$$

i.e., Condition (2.15) of this theorem. Thus, we conclude that \hat{V}^c satisfies the PDE (B.3).

If $\rho \neq 0$, we insert $A = -\frac{1-\gamma}{y}$ into (B.9) and get:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} \left(y \bar{\lambda} \pi_u^* + \frac{1}{2} y^2 (\pi_u^*)^2 \left(-\frac{1-\gamma}{y} \right) + \sigma \rho y \pi_u^* B + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\lambda}^2 \left(-\frac{y}{1-\gamma} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho B \left(-\frac{y}{1-\gamma} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \rho^2 B^2 \left(-\frac{y}{1-\gamma} \right) \right) \\ &\stackrel{(A.1)}{=} \frac{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{1-\gamma} y \left(\bar{\lambda} (\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t)) - \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t))^2 + \sigma \rho (\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t)) B \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\lambda}^2 - \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho B - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \rho^2 B^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{1-\gamma} y \left(\bar{\lambda}^2 + \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho b(t) - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\lambda}^2 - \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho b(t) - \frac{1}{2} (\sigma \rho b(t))^2 + \sigma \rho \bar{\lambda} B + (\sigma \rho)^2 b(t) B \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\lambda}^2 - \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho B - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \rho^2 B^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{1-\gamma} y \left(-\frac{1}{2} (\sigma \rho b(t))^2 + (\sigma \rho)^2 b(t) B - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \rho^2 B^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}}{1-\gamma} y \frac{\sigma^2 \rho^2}{2} (b(t) - B)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, if $\rho \neq 0$, $A = -\frac{1-\gamma}{y}$ and $B = b(t)$, i.e., Conditions (2.15) and (2.16) hold, then $C = 0$. Thus, we conclude that \hat{V}^c satisfies PDE (B.3).

Step 5. Concluding the value function and the optimal investment strategy.

Having shown that $\hat{\mathcal{V}}^c$ satisfies the HJB PDE of \mathcal{V}^c for any $\rho \in [-1, 1]$, we now show that $\hat{\mathcal{V}}^c$ satisfies the terminal condition of the HJB PDE of \mathcal{V}^c :

$$\hat{\mathcal{V}}^c(T, D^{\mathbb{Q}}(T, y, v), v) \stackrel{(B.6)}{=} \bar{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}(T, y, v) \stackrel{(2.14)}{=} \bar{U}(D(y, v)) \stackrel{(2.10)}{=} \bar{U}(D^{\mathbb{Q}}(T, y, v)),$$

i.e., (B.4) holds with $x = D^{\mathbb{Q}}(T, y, v)$.

Next, we prove that $\hat{\mathcal{V}}^c$ satisfies the assumption of concavity in x . Observe that:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xx}^c &\stackrel{(B.8)}{=} \frac{\bar{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} - \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_{yy}^{\mathbb{Q}}}{(D_y^{\mathbb{Q}})^3} \stackrel{\text{Def. A}}{=} (D_y^{\mathbb{Q}})^{-3} A \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \\ &\stackrel{(2.15)}{=} \underbrace{(D_y^{\mathbb{Q}})^{-2}}_{>0} \underbrace{\left(-\frac{1-\gamma}{y}\right)}_{<0} \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.10})$$

since $y > 0$, $\gamma < 1$, and $D(\cdot, v)$ is assumed to be non-decreasing on $(0, +\infty)$ with a strictly increasing part. If $\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} > 0$, then $\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xx}^c < 0$.

Take any $y > 0$ and $\Delta y > 0$. Obviously, for any $\omega \in \Omega$ the following holds:

$$Y_{\omega}^*(T) |_{Y_{\omega}^*(t)=y+\Delta y} > Y_{\omega}^*(T) |_{Y_{\omega}^*(t)=y}.$$

Denote by $(\underline{d}, \bar{d}) \subset (0, +\infty)$ the sub-interval where $D(\cdot, v)$ is strictly increasing. Denote $\mathcal{S}(y) = \{\omega \in \Omega : Y_{\omega}^*(T) \in (\underline{d}, \bar{d}) | Y_{\omega}^*(t) = y\}$. Then, according to (2.1) and (2.2), $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{S}(y)) > 0 \forall y > 0$. The function $\bar{U}(D(y, v)) = U(D(y, v)) - \lambda_{\varepsilon}(\mathbb{1}_{\{D(y, v) < K\}} - \varepsilon)$ is strictly increasing in y because $U(\cdot)$ is strictly increasing, $\lambda_{\varepsilon} \geq 0$, and $\mathbb{1}_{\{D(y, v) < K\}}$ is a non-increasing function as a superposition $\alpha(\beta(y; v))$ of a non-increasing function $\alpha(x) = \mathbb{1}_{\{x < K\}}$ and a non-decreasing function $\beta(y; v) = D(y, v)$. Using these properties and the linearity of the expectation operator, we obtain that $\bar{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}$ is strictly increasing in y as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}(t, y + \Delta y, v) &= \mathbb{E}_{t, y + \Delta y, v}^{\mathbb{P}} [\bar{U}(D(Y^*(T), v(T)))] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{t, y + \Delta y, v}^{\mathbb{P}} [\bar{U}(D(Y^*(T), v(T))) \mathbb{1}_{\{\mathcal{S}(y + \Delta y)\}}] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}_{t, y + \Delta y, v}^{\mathbb{P}} [\bar{U}(D(Y^*(T), v(T))) \mathbb{1}_{\{\Omega \setminus \mathcal{S}(y + \Delta y)\}}] \\ &> \mathbb{E}_{t, y, v}^{\mathbb{P}} [\bar{U}(D(Y^*(T), v(T))) \mathbb{1}_{\{\mathcal{S}(y + \Delta y)\}}] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}_{t, y, v}^{\mathbb{P}} [\bar{U}(D(Y^*(T), v(T))) \mathbb{1}_{\{\Omega \setminus \mathcal{S}(y + \Delta y)\}}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{t, y, v}^{\mathbb{P}} [\bar{U}(D(Y^*(T), v(T)))] = \bar{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}(t, y, v) \end{aligned}$$

So $\bar{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}$ is strictly increasing in y . Therefore, $\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} > 0$, and via (B.10) we obtain $\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xx}^c < 0$.

Since $\hat{\mathcal{V}}^c$ satisfies the PDE of \mathcal{V}^c , the corresponding terminal condition, and $\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xx}^c < 0$, we conclude that it is a candidate for the value function in the constrained optimization problem. Thus, we can now calculate the candidate for the optimal investment strategy. Plugging

$$\frac{\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xv}^c}{\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xx}^c} \stackrel{(B.8)}{=} \frac{\bar{U}_{yv}^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} - \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_{yv}^{\mathbb{Q}}}{(D_y^{\mathbb{Q}})^2} \frac{(D_y^{\mathbb{Q}})^3}{\bar{U}_{yy}^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} - \bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} D_{yy}^{\mathbb{Q}}} = \frac{B}{A} D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} = -\frac{yb(t)}{1-\gamma} D_y^{\mathbb{Q}}$$

and $\hat{\mathcal{V}}_x^c$ as well as $\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xx}^c$ from (B.8) into (B.2), we obtain the optimal control in the constrained portfolio optimization problem:

$$\pi_c^*(t) = -\frac{\bar{\lambda}\hat{\mathcal{V}}_x^c}{x\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xx}^c} - \frac{\sigma\rho\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xv}^c}{x\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{xx}^c} = \frac{y\bar{\lambda}}{1-\gamma} \frac{D_y^{\mathbb{Q}}}{D^{\mathbb{Q}}} + \frac{y\sigma\rho}{1-\gamma} b(t) \frac{D_y^{\mathbb{Q}}}{D^{\mathbb{Q}}} = \pi_u^*(t) \frac{yD_y^{\mathbb{Q}}}{D^{\mathbb{Q}}}.$$

Remark The above proof uses $D(\cdot, \cdot)$ to ensure a matching of the terminal condition and the necessary Conditions (2.15)–(2.17). The choice of λ^v is crucial to ensure the Conditions (2.15)–(2.17).

Proof of Lemma 2.2 If $\bar{U}_y^{D,\mathbb{P}} = y^{\gamma-1} H(t, v) D_y^{\mathbb{Q}}$, then:

$$\frac{\bar{U}_{yy}^{D,\mathbb{P}}}{\bar{U}_y^{D,\mathbb{P}}} - \frac{D_{yy}^{\mathbb{Q}}}{D_y^{\mathbb{Q}}} = \frac{(\gamma-1) H(t, v) D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} y^{\gamma-2} + H(t, v) D_{yy}^{\mathbb{Q}} y^{\gamma-1}}{H(t, v) D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} y^{\gamma-1}} - \frac{D_{yy}^{\mathbb{Q}}}{D_y^{\mathbb{Q}}} = -\frac{1-\gamma}{y},$$

i.e., Condition (2.15) holds.

If $H(t, v) = h(t) \exp(b(t)v)$, where $H(t, v)$ does not depend on y , then we also have the following:

$$\frac{\bar{U}_{yv}^{D,\mathbb{P}}}{\bar{U}_y^{D,\mathbb{P}}} - \frac{D_{yv}^{\mathbb{Q}}}{D_y^{\mathbb{Q}}} = \frac{b(t) D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} y^{\gamma-1} H(t, v) + D_{yv}^{\mathbb{Q}} y^{\gamma-1} H(t, v)}{D_y^{\mathbb{Q}} y^{\gamma-1} H(t, v)} - \frac{D_{yv}^{\mathbb{Q}}}{D_y^{\mathbb{Q}}} = b(t),$$

i.e., both Conditions (2.15) and (2.16) are satisfied.

Proof of Proposition 3.1 Without loss of generality, we assume that $r = 0$ and consider the following model under an EMM \mathbb{Q} :

$$\begin{aligned} dA(t) &= A(t)\sigma_A(t)\sqrt{v(t)}dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}}; \\ dv(t) &= \tilde{\kappa}(t) \left(\tilde{\theta}(t) - v(t) \right) dt + \sigma_v\sqrt{v(t)}dW_3^{\mathbb{Q}}, \end{aligned}$$

where $W_3^{\mathbb{Q}} = \rho W_1^{\mathbb{Q}} + \sqrt{1-\rho^2} W_2^{\mathbb{Q}}$, $A = (A(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ is the price process of a generic asset, and $\sigma_A(t)$, $\tilde{\kappa}(t)$, $\tilde{\theta}(t)$ are deterministic functions of time, whose argument we drop in the rest of this proof to make notation easier.

Consider a generic contingent claim with value:

$$C(t, A(t), v(t); k) = \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\widehat{G}(A(T), k) \right],$$

where k is assumed to be a scalar parameter for simplicity (e.g., strike of an option), but it could be a vector of parameters (e.g., strikes of multiple options constituting the contingent claim C).

By the FK theorem, the price process C of a contingent claim with a fixed k satisfies the following PDE and terminal condition:

$$\begin{aligned} C_t + \tilde{\kappa} \left(\tilde{\theta} - v \right) C_v + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_A^2 A^2 v C_{AA} + \rho \sigma_A \sigma_v A v C_{Av} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_v^2 v C_{vv} &= 0; \\ C(T, A, v; k) &= \widehat{G}(A, k). \end{aligned}$$

If we roll over this contingent claim C , it creates a new product that can be interpreted as a continuum of financial derivatives. This product has the following price at $t \in [0, T]$:

$$\widehat{D}(t, A(t), v(t); k(t, A(t), v(t))) = \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\widehat{G}(A(T), k(t, A(t), v(t))) \right],$$

where $k(t, A, v)$ is now seen as a function of (t, A, v) , and it is assumed to be such that \widehat{D} is attainable, i.e., the financial derivative \widehat{D} can be hedged by a self-financing portfolio. This means:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\widehat{D}(t, A(t), v(t); k(t, A(t), v(t)))}{\widehat{D}(t, A(t), v(t); k(t, A(t), v(t)))} &= \pi(t, A(t), v(t)) \frac{dA(t)}{A(t)} \\ &= \pi(t, A(t), v(t)) A(t) \sigma_A \sqrt{v} dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}} \quad (\text{B.11}) \end{aligned}$$

for some function $\pi(t, A, v)$. To make notation less cumbersome, we omit time when referring to a process at time t .

Applying Itô's lemma to $\widehat{D}(t, A, v; k(t, A, v))$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} d\widehat{D}(t, A, v; k(t, A, v)) &= \left(\widehat{D}_t + \widehat{D}_k k_t + \frac{1}{2} A^2 \sigma_A^2 v (\widehat{D}_{AA} + 2\widehat{D}_{Ak} k_A + \widehat{D}_{kk} k_A^2 + \widehat{D}_k k_{AA}) \right) dt \\ &\quad + \left((\widehat{D}_v + \widehat{D}_k k_v) \tilde{\kappa} (\tilde{\theta} - v) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_v^2 v (\widehat{D}_{vv} + 2\widehat{D}_{vk} k_v + \widehat{D}_{kk} k_v^2 + \widehat{D}_k k_{vv}) \right) dt \\ &\quad + (\rho \sigma_v \sigma_A A v (\widehat{D}_{vA} + \widehat{D}_{vk} k_A + \widehat{D}_{kA} k_v + \widehat{D}_{kk} k_A k_v + \widehat{D}_k k_{vA})) dt \\ &\quad + (\widehat{D}_A + \widehat{D}_k k_A) A \sigma_A \sqrt{v} dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}} + (\widehat{D}_v + \widehat{D}_k k_v) \sigma_v \sqrt{v} dW_3^{\mathbb{Q}}. \quad (\text{B.12}) \end{aligned}$$

Matching the SDEs (B.11) and (B.12), we must ensure that the terms related to dt , $dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}}$ and $dW_2^{\mathbb{Q}}$ are equal. The equality of diffusion terms $dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}}$ and $dW_2^{\mathbb{Q}}$ implies that:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{D}\pi(t, A, v) A \sigma_A \sqrt{v} &= (\widehat{D}_A + \widehat{D}_k k_A) A \sigma_A \sqrt{v} \iff \widehat{D}\pi(t, A, v) = \widehat{D}_A + \widehat{D}_k k_A; \\ (\widehat{D}_v + \widehat{D}_k k_v) \sigma_v \sqrt{v} &= 0 \iff k_v = -\frac{\widehat{D}_v}{\widehat{D}_k}. \end{aligned}$$

The previous equation is a condition on strike k due to the incompleteness of the financial market. Since our rolling derivative is constructed to be vega neutral at all $t \in [0, T]$, we naturally have $\widehat{D}_v + \widehat{D}_k k_v = 0$.

The equality of the drift terms and the terminal conditions implies:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\widehat{D}_t + \widehat{D}_k k_t + \frac{1}{2} A^2 \sigma_A^2 v (\widehat{D}_{AA} + 2\widehat{D}_{Ak} k_A + \widehat{D}_{kk} k_A^2 + \widehat{D}_k k_{AA}) \right) + \\ &\left((\widehat{D}_v + \widehat{D}_k k_v) \tilde{\kappa} (\tilde{\theta} - v) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_v^2 v (\widehat{D}_{vv} + 2\widehat{D}_{vk} k_v + \widehat{D}_{kk} k_v^2 + \widehat{D}_k k_{vv}) \right) + \\ &(\rho \sigma_v \sigma_A A v (\widehat{D}_{vA} + \widehat{D}_{vk} k_A + \widehat{D}_{kA} k_v + \widehat{D}_{kk} k_A k_v + \widehat{D}_k k_{vA})) = 0; \\ &\widehat{D}(T, A, v; k(t, A, v)) = \widehat{G}(A, k(t, A, v)). \end{aligned}$$

We can rewrite the previous PDE in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} &\widehat{D}_t + \left(k_t + k_v \tilde{\kappa} (\tilde{\theta} - v) + \frac{1}{2} A^2 \sigma_A^2 v k_{AA} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_v^2 v k_{vv} + \rho \sigma_v \sigma_A A v k_{vA} \right) \widehat{D}_k \\ &+ \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma_A^2 A^2 k_A^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_v^2 k_v^2 + \rho \sigma_v \sigma_A A k_A k_v \right) v \widehat{D}_{kk} \\ &+ (\sigma_A^2 A^2 k_A + \rho \sigma_v \sigma_A A k_v) v \widehat{D}_{Ak} + (\rho \sigma_v \sigma_A A k_A + \sigma_v^2 k_v) v \widehat{D}_{vk} \\ &+ \rho \sigma_v \sigma_A A v \widehat{D}_{vA} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_A^2 A^2 v \widehat{D}_{AA} + \tilde{\kappa} (\tilde{\theta} - v) \widehat{D}_v + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_v^2 v \widehat{D}_{vv} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This is a FK formula for the price of a financial derivative with three underlying assets $(A(t), v(t), \tilde{k}(t))$, one of which is perfectly correlated to the others:

$$\begin{aligned} dA(t) &= A(t)\sigma_A\sqrt{v(t)}dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}}; \\ dv(t) &= \tilde{k}\left(\tilde{\theta} - v(t)\right)dt + \sigma_v\sqrt{v(t)}dW_3^{\mathbb{Q}}; \\ d\tilde{k}(t) &= \left(k_t + k_v\tilde{k}\left(\tilde{\theta} - v(t)\right) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_A^2v(t)k_{AA} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_v^2(A(t))^2v(t)k_{vv} + \rho\sigma_v\sigma_AA(t)v(t)k_{vA}\right)dt \\ &\quad + \sigma_Ak_AA(t)\sqrt{v(t)}dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}} + \sigma_vk_v\sqrt{v(t)}dW_3^{\mathbb{Q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, \widehat{D} can be interpreted as a single financial derivative \widetilde{D} on three underlying assets:

$$\widetilde{D}(t, A, v, \tilde{k}) = \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}}[\widetilde{G}(A(T), \tilde{k}(T))] = \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}}[\widehat{G}(A(T), k(t, A, v))] = \widehat{D}(t, A, v; k(t, A, v)).$$

In this derivative, $\widetilde{D}(t, A, v, \tilde{k})$, the process \tilde{k} is an explicit function of time, asset price, and variance, that is, $\tilde{k}(t) = k(t, A(t), v(t))$. Therefore, $\widetilde{D}(t, A, v, \tilde{k})$ can be interpreted as $D^{\mathbb{Q}}(t, A, v)$, i.e., the financial derivative invoked in Theorem 2.1, and the payoff $\widetilde{G}(A(T), \tilde{k}(T))$ can be seen as $G(A(T), v(T))$ for an implied function G .

$$\widetilde{D}(t, A, v, \tilde{k}) = \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}}[G(A(T), \tilde{k}(T))] = \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}}[G(A(T), v(T))] = D^{\mathbb{Q}}(t, A, v).$$

Now we apply FK theorem again and get:

$$\begin{aligned} D_t^{\mathbb{Q}} + \tilde{k}\left(\tilde{\theta} - v\right)D_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_A^2A^2D_{AA}^{\mathbb{Q}} + \rho\sigma_A\sigma_vAvD_{Av}^{\mathbb{Q}} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_v^2vD_{vv}^{\mathbb{Q}} &= 0; \\ D^{\mathbb{Q}}(T, A, v)^{\mathbb{Q}} &= G(A, v). \end{aligned}$$

These calculations indicate that a rolling-over contingent claim with a changing payoff $\widehat{G}(A(T), k(t, A, v))$ can be interpreted as a single financial derivative with a new payoff $G(A(T), v(T))$. In other words, the financial derivative from Theorem 2.1 with payoff $D(A(T), v(T)) = G(A(T), v(T))$ can be constructed from a continuum of derivatives with payoffs $\widehat{D}(A(T), k(t, A, v)) = \widehat{G}(A(T), k(t, A, v))$ as prescribed in Corollary 3.2, where $A(t) = Y^*(t)$ and $k(t, A(t), v(t)) = (k_{\varepsilon}(t, Y^*(t), v(t)), k_v(t, Y^*(t), v(t)))^{\top} =: (k_{\varepsilon,t}, k_{v,t})^{\top}$, $t \in [0, T]$.

Proof of Corollary 3.2 Here we prove that for the Heston model and power-utility function there exist D and λ^v such that the VaR constraint is satisfied at $t = 0$ and Conditions (2.15), (2.16) and (2.17) hold for all $t \in [0, T]$. Then we apply Theorem 2.1 to derive the optimal solution to (PC) and provide more explicit formulas for computing the optimal solution and the value function.

Recall that D can be constructed, thanks to Proposition 3.1, via a continuum of derivatives \widehat{D} depending only on the unconstrained optimal wealth process Y^* and with time-changing (state-dependent) strike prices k_{ε}, k_v . Therefore, we show that at each $t \in [0, T]$, the degrees of freedom k_{ε} and k_v of the payoff $\widehat{D}(\cdot; k_{\varepsilon}, k_v)$ ensure the conditions necessary for the application of Theorem 2.1. For convenience, we state here the related payoff structure as per (3.2) and suppress the hat in \widehat{D} to simplify the notation:

$$D(Y^*(T)) = Y^*(T) + (K - Y^*(T))1_{\{k_{\varepsilon} \leq Y^*(T) \leq K\}} - (Y^*(T) - k_v)1_{\{k_{\varepsilon} \leq Y^*(T) < k_{\varepsilon}\}}$$

with $0 \leq k_v \leq k_\varepsilon \leq K$. Therefore, we can rewrite D as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} D(y) &= y + (K - y) 1_{\{y \leq K\}} - (K - y) 1_{\{y < k_\varepsilon\}} + (k_v - y) 1_{\{y < k_\varepsilon\}} - (k_v - y) 1_{\{y < k_v\}} \\ &= y + (K - y) 1_{\{y \leq K\}} - (k_\varepsilon - y) 1_{\{y < k_v\}} - (K - k_\varepsilon) 1_{\{y < k_\varepsilon\}} \\ &=: D_1(y) + D_2(y) - D_3(y) - D_4(y) \end{aligned}$$

Observe that:

$$\begin{aligned} \{y \in \mathbb{R} : D(y) < K\} &= \{y \in \mathbb{R} : y + (K - y) 1_{\{k_\varepsilon \leq y \leq K\}} + (k_v - y) 1_{\{k_\varepsilon \leq y < k_\varepsilon\}} < K\} \\ &= \{y \in \mathbb{R} : y < k_\varepsilon\} \end{aligned}$$

We can also rewrite $\bar{U}^D(y) := \bar{U}(D(y))$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{U}(D(y)) &= U(D(y)) - \lambda_\varepsilon (1_{\{D(y) < K\}} - \varepsilon) \\ &= \frac{1}{\gamma} (y + (K - y) 1_{\{y < K\}} - (k_v - y) 1_{\{y < k_v\}} - (K - k_v) 1_{\{y < k_\varepsilon\}})^\gamma \\ &\quad - \lambda_\varepsilon 1_{\{y < k_\varepsilon\}} + \lambda_\varepsilon \varepsilon \\ &= \frac{y^\gamma}{\gamma} + \frac{1}{\gamma} (K^\gamma - y^\gamma) 1_{\{y \leq K\}} - \frac{1}{\gamma} (k_v^\gamma - y^\gamma) 1_{\{y < k_v\}} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\gamma} ((K^\gamma - k_v^\gamma) 1_{\{y < k_\varepsilon\}} + \gamma \lambda_\varepsilon 1_{\{y < k_\varepsilon\}}) + \lambda_\varepsilon \varepsilon \\ &=: \bar{U}_1^D(y) + \bar{U}_2^D(y) - \bar{U}_3^D(y) - \bar{U}_4^D(y) + \lambda_\varepsilon \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

The proof contains three Parts.

Part 1. First, we show that Conditions (2.15) and (2.16) hold. By Lemma 2.2, it is sufficient to show that (SC) holds: $\bar{U}_y^{D, \mathbb{P}} = y^{\gamma-1} h(t) \exp(b(t)v) D_y^{\mathbb{Q}}$. This involves checking three cases, as the second and third terms are structurally the same, whereas the fifth term is independent of y :

Term 1 D_1 and \bar{U}_1^D ,

Terms 2 and 3 D_2 and \bar{U}_2^D , D_3 and \bar{U}_3^D . This involves writing the sufficient condition in terms of expectations leading to a new representation (ESC Put), then proving the equality via four steps:

Step 1 use FK theorem to derive the PDE of LHS of (ESC Put);

Step 2 use FK theorem to derive the PDE of expectation term in the RHS of (ESC Put);

Step 3 show that the terminal value of the LHS is equal to the value of the RHS, i.e., check that the terminal conditions of the corresponding PDEs are equal;

Step 4 show that RHS of (ESC Put) solves the PDE for LHS of (ESC Put).

Term 4 D_4 and \bar{U}_4^D

Part 2. Addressing Condition (2.17)

Part 3. Addressing the VaR constraint and applying Theorem 2.1

We write for $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{U}^{(i)}(t, y, v) &:= \mathbb{E}_{t, y, v}^{\mathbb{P}} [\bar{U}_i^D(Y^*(T))]; \\ D^{(i)}(t, y, v) &:= \mathbb{E}_{t, y, v}^{\mathbb{Q}} [\exp(-r(T-t)) D_i(Y^*(T))]. \end{aligned}$$

Part 1. Term 1. For the first term of the modified utility function and the related (first) piece of the financial derivative on the optimal unconstrained wealth, we can check the sufficient condition (SC) by explicitly calculating its LHS and RHS.

In LHS, $\bar{U}^{(1)}$ is the optimum of the objective function in (PU), which is known due to Proposition A.1:

$$\bar{U}^{(1)} = \frac{y^\gamma}{\gamma} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \Rightarrow \bar{U}_y^{(1)} = y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v).$$

Regarding RHS, $D_1(y) = y$ and $\exp(-rt)Y^*(t)$ is a martingale under any EMM \mathbb{Q} . Thus, $D^{(1)} = y \Rightarrow D_y^{(1)} = 1$ and we conclude that for any $\rho \in [-1, 1]$ and any \mathbb{Q} the following holds:

$$\bar{U}_y^{(1)} = y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \cdot 1 = y^{\gamma-1} \underbrace{\exp(a(t))}_{=h(t)} \exp(b(t)v) D_y^{(1)}.$$

Part 1. Terms 2 and 3. We show now that the same relation holds for the second and third terms of the modified utility function, i.e., the utility of a put option on the unconstrained optimal wealth is linked to a price under the suitable $\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)$ of a put option on the unconstrained optimal wealth. For simplicity of presentation, we will write \mathbb{Q} instead of $\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)$.

Recall that the expected values can be computed via the inverse Fourier transform:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{t,z,v}^{\mathbb{M}} [g(Z^*(T))] &= \int g(x) \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int \exp(-iux) \phi^{Z^*(T),\mathbb{M}}(u; t, z, v) du \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \int g(x) \exp(-iu(x-z) + A^{\mathbb{M}}(T-t, u) \\ &\quad + B^{\mathbb{M}}(T-t, u)v) du dx, \end{aligned}$$

where $\phi^{Z^*(T),\mathbb{M}}$ is the characteristic function of Z under the measure $\mathbb{M} \in \{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}\}$ given in Proposition A.2.

Changing variables, $Z^*(T) = \ln(Y^*(T))$, $z = x - \ln y$, and using the inverse Fourier Transform of $Z^*(T)$, we obtain $\forall i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{U}^{(i)} &= \mathbb{E}_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{P}} [\bar{U}_i^D(Y^*(T))] \\ &= \int \bar{U}_i^D(\exp(x)) \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int \exp(-iux) \phi^{Z^*(T),\mathbb{P}}(u; t, \ln y, v) du \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \int \bar{U}_i^D(\exp(x)) \exp(-iu(x - \ln y) + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v) du dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \int \bar{U}_i^D(y \exp(z)) \exp(-iuz + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v) du dz \end{aligned} \tag{B.13}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D^{(i)} &= \exp(-r(T-t)) \mathbb{E}_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{Q}} [D_i(Y^*(T))] \\ &= \frac{\exp(-r(T-t))}{2\pi} \\ &\quad \cdot \int \int D_i(y \exp(z)) \exp(-iuz + A^{\mathbb{Q}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{Q}}(T-t, u)v) du dz. \end{aligned} \tag{B.14}$$

For $\overline{U}_2^D(y) = \frac{1}{\gamma} (K^\gamma - y^\gamma) 1_{\{y < K\}}$ with $K > 0$ a given parameter, we receive, using (B.13):

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{U}^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\gamma} \int \int (K^\gamma - \exp(\gamma(z + \ln y))) 1_{\{z < \ln K - \ln y\}} \\ &\quad \cdot \exp(-iuz + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v) dudz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{K^\gamma}{\gamma} \int \int 1_{\{z < \ln K - \ln y\}} \exp(-iuz + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v) dudz \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\gamma} \int \int 1_{\{z < \ln K - \ln y\}} \\ &\quad \cdot \exp(\gamma \ln y + \gamma z - iuz + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v) dudz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{K^\gamma}{\gamma} \int_{-\infty}^{\ln(K/y)+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-iuz + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v) dudz \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\gamma} \int_{-\infty}^{\ln(K/y)+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^\gamma \exp(\gamma z - iuz + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v) dudz \end{aligned}$$

Next we state the Leibniz integral rule (LIR), as we will use it several times. For $g(\alpha, x)$, $l(\alpha)$, $m(\alpha)$ continuously differentiable functions it holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \left(\int_{l(\alpha)}^{m(\alpha)} g(\alpha, x) dx \right) &= g(\alpha, m(\alpha))m'(\alpha) - g(\alpha, l(\alpha))l'(\alpha) \\ &+ \left(\int_{l(\alpha)}^{m(\alpha)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} g(\alpha, x) \right) dx \right). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the derivative of $\overline{U}^{(2)}$ yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{U}_y^{(2)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{K^\gamma}{\gamma} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\ln(K/y)+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-iuz + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v) du dz}_{=:g_1(y, z)} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\gamma} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\ln(K/y)+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^\gamma \exp(\gamma z - iuz + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v) du dz}_{=:g_2(y, z)} \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{(LIR)}}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{K^\gamma}{\gamma} \left(g_1(y, \ln(K/y)) \left(-\frac{1}{y} \right) - \lim_{c \downarrow -\infty} \left(g_1(y, c) \underbrace{\frac{\partial c}{\partial y}}_{=0} \right) + \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\ln(K/y)} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} g_1(y, z) dz}_{=0} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\gamma} \left(g_2(y, \ln(K/y)) \left(-\frac{1}{y} \right) - \lim_{c \downarrow -\infty} \underbrace{\left(g_2(y, c) \frac{\partial c}{\partial y} \right)}_{=0} + \int_{-\infty}^{\ln(K/y)} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} g_2(y, z) dz \right) \\
& = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{K^\gamma}{\gamma} \frac{1}{y} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left(-iu \ln(K/y) + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v \right) du \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\gamma} y^{\gamma-1} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left(\gamma \ln(K/y) - iu \ln(K/y) + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v \right) du \\
& \quad - \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\gamma} \int_{-\infty}^{\ln(K/y)+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \gamma y^{\gamma-1} \exp \left(\gamma z - iuz + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v \right) du dz \\
& \stackrel{(a)}{=} -\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{K^\gamma}{\gamma} \frac{1}{y} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left(-iu \ln(K/y) + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v \right) du \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{K^\gamma}{\gamma} \frac{1}{y} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left(-iu \ln(K/y) + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v \right) du \\
& \quad - \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{y} \int_{-\infty}^{\ln(K/y)+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \gamma y^{\gamma-1} \exp \left(\gamma z - iuz + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v \right) du dz \\
& = -\frac{y^{\gamma-1}}{2\pi} \int \int 1_{\{z < \ln K - \ln y\}} \exp \left(\gamma z - iuz + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v \right) dudz,
\end{aligned}$$

where in (a) we used $\exp(\gamma \ln(K/y)) = \frac{K^\gamma}{y^\gamma}$.

Next we reconstruct the stochastic representation of $\overline{U}_y^{(2)}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{U}_y^{(2)} & \stackrel{x=z+\ln(y)}{=} -\frac{y^{\gamma-1}}{2\pi} \int \int 1_{\{x < \ln K\}} \\
& \quad \cdot \exp \left(\gamma(x - \ln(y)) - iu(x - \ln(y)) + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v \right) dudx \\
& \quad -\gamma \ln(y) \stackrel{= \ln(y^{-\gamma})}{=} -\frac{y^{\gamma-1} y^{-\gamma}}{2\pi} \int \int 1_{\{x < \ln K\}} \exp(\gamma x - iux) \\
& \quad \cdot \exp \left(iu \ln(y) + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v \right) dudx \\
& = -y^{-1} \int 1_{\{x < \ln K\}} \exp(\gamma x) \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int \exp(-iux) \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{P}}(u; t, \ln(y), v) du \right)}_{\text{density of } Z^*(T) \text{ evaluated at } x} dx \\
& = -y^{-1} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\exp(\gamma Z^*(T)) 1_{\{Z^*(T) < \ln K\}} | Z^*(t) = \ln(y), v(t) = v \right] \\
& \stackrel{Z^*(t) = \ln(Y^*(t))}{=} -y^{-1} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[(Y^*(T))^\gamma 1_{\{Y^*(T) < K\}} | Y^*(t) = y, v(t) = v \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Applying the previous result for $\gamma = 1$ under the measure \mathbb{Q} instead of \mathbb{P} , we receive the following expression for $D_2(x) = (K - y) 1_{\{y < K\}}$ with $K > 0$ a given parameter:

$$\begin{aligned} D^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp(-r(T-t)) \int \int D_2(y \exp(z)) \\ &\quad \cdot \exp(-iuz + A^{\mathbb{Q}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{Q}}(T-t, u)v) dudz \\ &= -y^{-1} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} [\exp(-r(T-t)) Y^*(T) 1_{\{Y^*(T) < K\}} | Y^*(t) = y, v(t) = v] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, proving Condition (SC) for the second and the third terms of the auxiliary utility function is equivalent to proving the following condition:

$$\begin{aligned} -y^{-1} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} [(Y^*(T))^{\gamma} 1_{\{Y^*(T) < K\}} | Y^*(t) = y, v(t) = v] &\stackrel{!}{=} y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) (-y^{-1}) \\ &\quad \cdot \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} [\exp(-r(T-t)) Y^*(T) 1_{\{Y^*(T) < K\}} | Y^*(t) = y, v(t) = v], \end{aligned}$$

which, in turn, is equivalent to the following one:

$$\begin{aligned} &\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{P}} [(Y^*(T))^{\gamma} 1_{\{Y^*(T) < K\}}]}_{=: g^{\mathbb{P}}(t,y,v)} \\ &\stackrel{!}{=} y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{Q}} [\exp(-r(T-t)) Y^*(T) 1_{\{Y^*(T) < K\}}]}_{=: g^{\mathbb{Q}}(t,y,v)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{ESC Put})$$

ESC stands for equivalent sufficient condition.

We prove now (ESC Put) via four steps.

Part 1. Terms 2 and 3. Step 1. FK PDE for LHS of (ESC Put)

Recall that under the measure \mathbb{P} we have:

$$\begin{aligned} dY^*(t) &= Y^*(t) \left[(r + \pi_u^*(t) \bar{\lambda} v(t)) dt + \pi_u^*(t) \sqrt{v(t)} dW_1^{\mathbb{P}}(t) \right]; \\ dv(t) &= \kappa (\theta - v(t)) dt + \sigma \rho \sqrt{v(t)} dW_1^{\mathbb{P}}(t) + \sigma \sqrt{v(t)} \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} dW_2^{\mathbb{P}}(t); \end{aligned}$$

with $\pi_u^*(t) = \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{1-\gamma} + \frac{\sigma \rho b(t)}{1-\gamma}$.

Then $\mathbb{E}_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{P}} [(Y^*(T))^{\gamma} 1_{\{Y^*(T) < K\}}] = g^{\mathbb{P}}(t, y, v)$ has the following FK representation:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= g_t^{\mathbb{P}} + y(r + \pi_u^*(t) \bar{\lambda} v) g_y^{\mathbb{P}} + \kappa (\theta - v) g_v^{\mathbb{P}} + \frac{1}{2} v y^2 (\pi_u^*(t))^2 g_{yy}^{\mathbb{P}} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} v \sigma^2 g_{vv}^{\mathbb{P}} + \rho \sigma y v \pi_u^*(t) g_{yv}^{\mathbb{P}}; \\ y^{\gamma} 1_{\{y < K\}} &= g^{\mathbb{P}}(T, y, v). \end{aligned}$$

Part 1. Terms 2 and 3. Step 2. FK PDE for \mathbb{Q} -expectation in RHS of (ESC Put)

Recall that under the measure \mathbb{Q} we have:

$$\begin{aligned} dY^*(t) &= Y^*(t) r dt + Y^*(t) \pi_u^*(t) \sqrt{v(t)} dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}}(t); \\ dv(t) &= \tilde{\kappa} (\tilde{\theta} - v(t)) dt + \sigma \sqrt{v(t)} \rho dW_1^{\mathbb{Q}}(t) + \sigma \sqrt{v(t)} \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} dW_2^{\mathbb{Q}}(t). \end{aligned}$$

Then $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} [\exp(-r(T-t)) Y^*(T) 1_{\{Y^*(T) < K\}} | Y^*(t) = y, v(t) = v] = g^{\mathbb{Q}}(T, y, v)$ has the following FK representation:

$$0 = g_t^{\mathbb{Q}} - r g^{\mathbb{Q}} + y r g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} + \tilde{\kappa} (\tilde{\theta} - v) g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + \frac{1}{2} v y^2 (\pi_u^*(t))^2 g_{yy}^{\mathbb{Q}}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} v \sigma^2 g_{vv}^{\mathbb{Q}} + \rho \sigma y v \pi_u^*(t) g_{yv}^{\mathbb{Q}};$$

$$y 1_{\{y < K\}} = g^{\mathbb{Q}}(T, y, v).$$

Part 1. Terms 2 and 3. Step 3. Equality of terminal conditions

Consider the ansatz $g^{\mathbb{P}}(t, y, v) = y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) g^{\mathbb{Q}}(t, y, v)$ with $a(T) = b(T) = 0$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} g^{\mathbb{P}}(T, y, v) &= y^{\gamma} 1_{\{y < K\}} = y^{\gamma-1} y 1_{\{y < K\}} = y^{\gamma-1} y 1_{\{y < K\}} \exp(a(T) + b(T)v) \\ &= y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(T) + b(T)v) g^{\mathbb{Q}}(T, y, v), \end{aligned}$$

i.e., the LHS and RHS coincide at time $t = T$.

Part 1. Terms 2 and 3. Step 4. Verifying $g^{\mathbb{P}}(t, y, v) = y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) g^{\mathbb{Q}}(t, y, v)$ via PDEs

Let us calculate the necessary partial derivatives of $g^{\mathbb{P}}$, which appear in its FK PDE:

$$\begin{aligned} g_t^{\mathbb{P}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) g^{\mathbb{Q}}(t, y, v) \right) \\ &= y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left(a'(t) + b'(t)v \right) g^{\mathbb{Q}} \\ &\quad + y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) g_t^{\mathbb{Q}} \\ &= y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left((a'(t) + b'(t)v) g^{\mathbb{Q}} + g_t^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ g_y^{\mathbb{P}} &= \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left((\gamma - 1) y^{\gamma-2} g^{\mathbb{Q}} + y^{\gamma-1} g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ &= y^{\gamma-2} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left((\gamma - 1) g^{\mathbb{Q}} + y g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right); \\ g_v^{\mathbb{P}} &= y^{\gamma-1} \left(\frac{\partial \exp(a(t) + b(t)v)}{\partial v} g^{\mathbb{Q}} + \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ &= y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left(b(t) g^{\mathbb{Q}} + g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} \right); \\ g_{yy}^{\mathbb{P}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(g_y^{\mathbb{P}} \right) = \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left((\gamma - 1) y^{\gamma-2} g^{\mathbb{Q}} + y^{\gamma-1} g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ &= \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \\ &\quad \cdot \left((\gamma - 1) \left((\gamma - 2) y^{\gamma-3} g^{\mathbb{Q}} + y^{\gamma-2} g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) + \left((\gamma - 1) y^{\gamma-2} g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) + y^{\gamma-1} g_{yy}^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ &= y^{\gamma-3} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left((\gamma - 1)(\gamma - 2) g^{\mathbb{Q}} + 2(\gamma - 1) y g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} + y^2 g_{yy}^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ g_{vv}^{\mathbb{P}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left(g_v^{\mathbb{P}} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left(y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left(b(t) g^{\mathbb{Q}} + g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \right) \\ &= y^{\gamma-1} \left(\exp(a(t) + b(t)v) b(t) \left(b(t) g^{\mathbb{Q}} + g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) + \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left(b(t) g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + g_{vv}^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \right) \\ &= y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left((b(t))^2 g^{\mathbb{Q}} + 2b(t) g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + g_{vv}^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ g_{yv}^{\mathbb{P}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(g_v^{\mathbb{P}} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left(b(t) g^{\mathbb{Q}} + g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \right) \\ &= \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left((\gamma - 1) y^{\gamma-2} \left(b(t) g^{\mathbb{Q}} + g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) + y^{\gamma-1} \left(b(t) g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} + g_{yv}^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \right) \\ &= y^{\gamma-2} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left((\gamma - 1) b(t) g^{\mathbb{Q}} + (\gamma - 1) g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + y b(t) g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} + y g_{yv}^{\mathbb{Q}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

We plug those partial derivatives in the LHS PDE, i.e., FK PDE of $g^{\mathbb{P}}$, and get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = & y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)) \left((a'(t) + b'(t)v) g^{\mathbb{Q}} + g_t^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\
 & + y(r + \pi_u^*(t)\bar{\lambda}v) y^{\gamma-2} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left((\gamma-1)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + yg_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\
 & + \kappa(\theta - v) y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left(b(t)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2}vy^2 (\pi_u^*(t))^2 y^{\gamma-3} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \\
 & \cdot \left((\gamma-1)(\gamma-2)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + 2(\gamma-1)yg_y^{\mathbb{Q}} + y^2g_{yy}^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2}v\sigma^2 y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \left((b(t))^2 g^{\mathbb{Q}} + 2b(t)g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + g_{vv}^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\
 & + \rho\sigma yv\pi_u^*(t) y^{\gamma-2} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \\
 & \cdot \left((\gamma-1)b(t)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + (\gamma-1)g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + yb(t)g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} + yg_{yv}^{\mathbb{Q}} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\forall y > 0, v > 0$, we have $y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) > 0$ and can divide by this term both sides of the PDE:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = & (a'(t) + b'(t)v) g^{\mathbb{Q}} + \underline{g_t^{\mathbb{Q}}} + (r + \pi_u^*(t)\bar{\lambda}v) \left((\gamma-1)\underline{g^{\mathbb{Q}}} + \underline{yg_y^{\mathbb{Q}}} \right) \\
 & + \kappa(\theta - v) \left(b(t)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + \underline{g_v^{\mathbb{Q}}} \right) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2}v(\pi_u^*(t))^2 \left((\gamma-1)(\gamma-2)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + 2(\gamma-1)yg_y^{\mathbb{Q}} + \underline{y^2g_{yy}^{\mathbb{Q}}} \right) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2}v\sigma^2 \left((b(t))^2 g^{\mathbb{Q}} + 2b(t)g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + \underline{g_{vv}^{\mathbb{Q}}} \right) \\
 & + \rho\sigma v\pi_u^*(t) \left((\gamma-1)b(t)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + (\gamma-1)g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + yb(t)g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} + \underline{yg_{yv}^{\mathbb{Q}}} \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where we underlined terms related to the $g^{\mathbb{Q}}$ PDE. Collecting these terms, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = & (a'(t) + b'(t)v) g^{\mathbb{Q}} + r\gamma g^{\mathbb{Q}} + \pi_u^*(t)\bar{\lambda}v \left((\gamma-1)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + yg_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\
 & + \kappa(\theta - v)b(t)g^{\mathbb{Q}} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2}v(\pi_u^*(t))^2 \left((\gamma-1)(\gamma-2)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + 2(\gamma-1)yg_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2}v\sigma^2 \left((b(t))^2 g^{\mathbb{Q}} + 2b(t)g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\
 & + \rho\sigma v\pi_u^*(t) \left((\gamma-1)b(t)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + (\gamma-1)g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + yb(t)g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\
 & + \left[\underline{g_t^{\mathbb{Q}}} - rg^{\mathbb{Q}} + r\gamma g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} + \kappa(\theta - v)g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + \frac{1}{2}v(\pi_u^*(t))^2 y^2 g_{yy}^{\mathbb{Q}} + \frac{1}{2}v\sigma^2 g_{vv}^{\mathbb{Q}} + \rho\sigma v\pi_u^*(t)yg_{yv}^{\mathbb{Q}} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Next we use the link between the variance process parameters under the different measures according to (2.4):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \kappa(\theta - v) & \stackrel{(i)}{=} \tilde{\kappa}\tilde{\theta} - \kappa v \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \tilde{\kappa}\tilde{\theta} - \left(\tilde{\kappa} - \sigma\bar{\lambda}\rho - \sigma\lambda^v\sqrt{1-\rho^2} \right) v \\
 & = \tilde{\kappa}(\tilde{\theta} - v) + \sigma\bar{\lambda}\rho v + \sigma\lambda^v\sqrt{1-\rho^2}v,
 \end{aligned}$$

where (i) refers to $\tilde{\theta} = \theta\kappa/\tilde{\kappa}$, (ii) refers to $\tilde{\kappa} = \kappa + \sigma\bar{\lambda}\rho + \sigma\lambda^v\sqrt{1-\rho^2}$. Taking this as well as PDE of $g^{\mathbb{Q}}$ into account, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = & (a'(t) + b'(t)v) g^{\mathbb{Q}} + r\gamma g^{\mathbb{Q}} + \pi_u^*(t)\bar{\lambda}v \left((\gamma-1)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + yg_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ & + \kappa(\theta - v)b(t)g^{\mathbb{Q}} \\ & + \frac{1}{2}v(\pi_u^*(t))^2 \left((\gamma-1)(\gamma-2)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + 2(\gamma-1)yg_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2}v\sigma^2 \left((b(t))^2 g^{\mathbb{Q}} + 2b(t)g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ & + \rho\sigma v\pi_u^*(t) \left((\gamma-1)b(t)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + (\gamma-1)g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + yb(t)g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ & + \sigma\bar{\lambda}\rho vg_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + \sigma\lambda^v\sqrt{1-\rho^2}vg_v^{\mathbb{Q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the ODEs for $a(\tau)$, $b(\tau)$ from (A.8) (A.9) and the relation $\tau = T - t$, we conclude that:

$$\begin{aligned} a'(t) &= -\kappa\theta b(t) - \gamma r; \\ b'(t) &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\sigma^2 + \frac{\gamma\sigma^2\rho^2}{1-\gamma} \right) b^2(t) + \left(\kappa - \frac{\gamma\bar{\lambda}\sigma\rho}{1-\gamma} \right) b(t) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\gamma\bar{\lambda}^2}{1-\gamma}. \end{aligned}$$

Plugging the representation of $a'(t)$ and $b'(t)$ in the key relation we want to prove, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = & \left(-\kappa\theta b(t) - \gamma r + v \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\sigma^2 + \frac{\gamma\sigma^2\rho^2}{1-\gamma} \right) (b(t))^2 + \left(\kappa - \frac{\gamma\bar{\lambda}\sigma\rho}{1-\gamma} \right) b(t) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\gamma\bar{\lambda}^2}{1-\gamma} \right) \right) g^{\mathbb{Q}} \\ & + r\gamma g^{\mathbb{Q}} + \pi_u^*(t)\bar{\lambda}v \left((\gamma-1)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + yg_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ & + \kappa(\theta - v)b(t)g^{\mathbb{Q}} \\ & + \frac{1}{2}v(\pi_u^*(t))^2 \left((\gamma-1)(\gamma-2)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + 2(\gamma-1)yg_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2}v\sigma^2 \left((b(t))^2 g^{\mathbb{Q}} + 2b(t)g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ & + \rho\sigma v\pi_u^*(t) \left((\gamma-1)b(t)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + (\gamma-1)g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + yb(t)g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ & + \sigma\bar{\lambda}\rho vg_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + \sigma\lambda^v\sqrt{1-\rho^2}vg_v^{\mathbb{Q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Next we indicate terms to be cancelled out directly and plug in the representation of $\pi_u^*(t) = \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{1-\gamma} + \frac{\sigma\rho b(t)}{1-\gamma}$:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = & \left(-\kappa\theta b(t) - \gamma r + v \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\sigma^2 + \frac{\gamma\sigma^2\rho^2}{1-\gamma} \right) (b(t))^2 + \left(\kappa - \frac{\gamma\bar{\lambda}\sigma\rho}{1-\gamma} \right) b(t) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\gamma\bar{\lambda}^2}{1-\gamma} \right) \right) g^{\mathbb{Q}} \\ & + r\gamma g^{\mathbb{Q}} + \left(\frac{\bar{\lambda}}{1-\gamma} + \frac{\sigma\rho b(t)}{1-\gamma} \right) \bar{\lambda}v \left((\gamma-1)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + yg_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ & + \kappa(\theta - v)b(t)g^{\mathbb{Q}} \\ & + \frac{1}{2}v \left(\frac{\bar{\lambda}}{1-\gamma} + \frac{\sigma\rho b(t)}{1-\gamma} \right)^2 \left((\gamma-1)(\gamma-2)g^{\mathbb{Q}} + 2(\gamma-1)yg_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2}v\sigma^2 \left((b(t))^2 g^{\mathbb{Q}} + 2b(t)g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \rho \sigma v \left(\frac{\bar{\lambda}}{1-\gamma} + \frac{\sigma \rho b(t)}{1-\gamma} \right) \left((\gamma-1)b(t)g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + (\gamma-1)g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + yb(t)g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \right) \\
& + \sigma \bar{\lambda} \rho v g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + \sigma \lambda^v \sqrt{1-\rho^2} v g_v^{\mathbb{Q}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Next, we use that $\frac{-\gamma}{1-\gamma} = 1 - \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$, $\frac{\gamma-1}{1-\gamma} = -1$, $\frac{(\gamma-1)(\gamma-2)}{(1-\gamma)(1-\gamma)} = 1 + \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$, expand several brackets with multiple summation terms, and move y , v to the beginning of the corresponding product where they appear:

$$\begin{aligned}
0 = & v \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) \sigma^2 \rho^2 (b(t))^2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho b(t) + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) \bar{\lambda}^2 \right) g^{\mathbb{Q}} \\
& - v \left(\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t) \right) \bar{\lambda} g^{\mathbb{Q}} + v y \bar{\lambda} (1-\gamma)^{-1} \left(\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t) \right) g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \\
& + v \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) \left(\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t) \right)^2 g^{\mathbb{Q}} + v y (\gamma-1)^{-1} \left(\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t) \right)^2 g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \\
& + v \sigma^2 b(t) g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} - v \sigma \rho \left(\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t) \right) b(t) g^{\mathbb{Q}} \\
& - v \sigma \rho \left(\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t) \right) g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + v y \sigma \rho (1-\gamma)^{-1} \left(\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t) \right) b(t) g_y^{\mathbb{Q}} \\
& + v \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho g_v^{\mathbb{Q}} + \sigma \lambda^v \sqrt{1-\rho^2} v g_v^{\mathbb{Q}}.
\end{aligned}$$

The above equality is true for any $y > 0$, $v > 0$ if the the terms next to $vg^{\mathbb{Q}}$, $vg_v^{\mathbb{Q}}$, $vyg_y^{\mathbb{Q}}$ are 0.

Coefficient next to $vg^{\mathbb{Q}}$

Collecting all terms next to $vg^{\mathbb{Q}}$ yields:

$$\begin{aligned}
0 = & \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) \sigma^2 \rho^2 (b(t))^2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho b(t) \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) \bar{\lambda}^2 - \left(\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t) \right) \bar{\lambda} \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) \left(\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t) \right)^2 - \sigma \rho \left(\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t) \right) b(t) \\
= & \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) \sigma^2 \rho^2 (b(t))^2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho b(t) \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) \bar{\lambda}^2 - \bar{\lambda}^2 - \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho b(t) \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) \left(\bar{\lambda}^2 + 2\bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho b(t) + (\sigma \rho b(t))^2 \right) - \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho b(t) - \sigma^2 \rho^2 (b(t))^2.
\end{aligned}$$

We show that the above equality is true by showing that the coefficients next to $(b(t))^2$, $b(t)^1$ and $b(t)^0$ are all equal to 0.

For the coefficient next to $(b(t))^2$ we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) \sigma^2 \rho^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) \sigma^2 \rho^2 - \sigma^2 \rho^2 \\
& = \sigma^2 \rho^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2(1-\gamma)} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2(1-\gamma)} - 1 \right) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

For the coefficient next to $(b(t))^1$ we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\gamma}\right) \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho - \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{1-\gamma}\right) 2 \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho - \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho \\ &= \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\gamma} - 1 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{1-\gamma}\right) - 1\right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

For the coefficient next to $(b(t))^0$ we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\gamma}\right) \bar{\lambda}^2 - \bar{\lambda}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{1-\gamma}\right) \bar{\lambda}^2 \\ &= \bar{\lambda}^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1-\gamma} - 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1-\gamma}\right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the coefficient next to $vg^{\mathbb{Q}}$ is 0, i.e. $vg^{\mathbb{Q}}$ vanishes in the relation we are proving.

Coefficient next to $vyg_y^{\mathbb{Q}}$ The coefficient next to $vyg_y^{\mathbb{Q}}$ is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{\lambda}(1-\gamma)^{-1} (\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t)) + (\gamma-1)^{-1} (\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t))^2 + \sigma \rho (1-\gamma)^{-1} (\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t)) b(t) \\ &= (1-\gamma)^{-1} (\bar{\lambda} (\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t)) - (\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t))^2 + \sigma \rho b(t) (\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t))) \\ &= (1-\gamma)^{-1} ((\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t))^2 - (\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t))^2) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the coefficient next to $vyg_y^{\mathbb{Q}}$ is 0, i.e., $vyg_y^{\mathbb{Q}}$ vanishes in the relation we are proving.

Coefficient next to $vg_v^{\mathbb{Q}}$ The coefficient next to $vg_v^{\mathbb{Q}}$ is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma^2 b(t) - \sigma \rho (\bar{\lambda} + \sigma \rho b(t)) + \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho + \lambda^v \sigma \sqrt{1-\rho^2} \\ &= \sigma^2 b(t) - \sigma \rho \bar{\lambda} - \sigma^2 \rho^2 b(t) + \bar{\lambda} \sigma \rho + \lambda^v \sigma \sqrt{1-\rho^2} \\ &= b(t) \sigma^2 (1-\rho^2) + \lambda^v \sigma \sqrt{1-\rho^2} \end{aligned}$$

The coefficient next to $vg_v^{\mathbb{Q}}$ is equal to zero if $\lambda^v = -\sigma \sqrt{1-\rho^2} b(t)$. This is equivalent to picking a convenient change of measure on the variance process.

So for $\lambda^v = -\sigma \sqrt{1-\rho^2} b(t)$ (ESC Put) holds also for the 2nd and 3rd piece of the modified utility function:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbb{E}_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\frac{1}{\gamma} (K^\gamma - (Y^*(T))^\gamma) 1_{\{Y^*(T) < K\}} \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbb{E}_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{Q}} [\exp(-r(T-t)) (K - Y^*(T)) 1_{\{Y^*(T) < K\}}] \\ & \quad \cdot y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \quad \forall K > 0, \gamma < 1 \end{aligned}$$

Part 1. Term 4. i.e. binary option

Now we derive the relationship between λ_ε , y , k_ε and k_v , which ensures that the last piece of the modified utility function also satisfies the same (SC), in particular $\bar{U}_y^{(4)} = y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) D_y^{(4)}$.

For $\bar{U}_4(y) = \frac{1}{\gamma} (K^\gamma - k_v^\gamma + \gamma \lambda_\varepsilon) 1_{\{y < k_\varepsilon\}}$ in (B.13) we get:

$$\bar{U}^{(4)} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\gamma} \int \int (K^\gamma - k_v^\gamma + \gamma \lambda_\varepsilon) 1_{\{z < \ln k_\varepsilon - \ln y\}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \cdot \exp \left(-iuz + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v \right) dudz \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{K^\gamma - k_v^\gamma + \gamma\lambda_\varepsilon}{\gamma} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\ln(k_\varepsilon/y)+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left(-iuz + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v \right) du dz}_{=:g(y,z)} \\
&\stackrel{(\text{LIR})}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{K^\gamma - k_v^\gamma + \gamma\lambda_\varepsilon}{\gamma} \\
&\quad \cdot \left(g(y, \ln(k_\varepsilon/y)) \left(-\frac{1}{y} \right) - \lim_{c \downarrow -\infty} \left(g(y, c) \underbrace{\frac{\partial c}{\partial y}}_{=0} \right) + \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\ln(k_\varepsilon/y)} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} g(y, z) dz}_{=0} \right) \\
&\stackrel{||g}{=} -\frac{1}{y} \frac{K^\gamma - k_v^\gamma + \gamma\lambda_\varepsilon}{\gamma} \frac{1}{2\pi} \\
&\quad \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left(-iu(\ln k_\varepsilon - \ln y) + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v \right) du \\
&= -\frac{1}{y} \frac{K^\gamma - k_v^\gamma + \gamma\lambda_\varepsilon}{\gamma} \frac{1}{2\pi} \\
&\quad \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(-iu \ln k_\varepsilon) \exp \left(iu \ln y + A^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{P}}(T-t, u)v \right) du
\end{aligned}$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{U}_y^{(4)} &= -\frac{1}{y} \frac{K^\gamma - k_v^\gamma + \gamma\lambda_\varepsilon}{\gamma} \frac{1}{2\pi} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(-iu \ln k_\varepsilon) \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{P}}(u; t, \ln(y), v) du}_{=:f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{P}}(\ln k_\varepsilon)} \\
&= -\frac{1}{y} \frac{K^\gamma - k_v^\gamma + \gamma\lambda_\varepsilon}{\gamma} f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{P}}(\ln k_\varepsilon),
\end{aligned}$$

where $f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{P}}$ denotes the \mathbb{P} -density of $Z^*(T) = \ln(Y^*(T))$.

Applying the previous result for $\gamma = 1$, $\lambda_\varepsilon = 0$ and working under the measure \mathbb{Q} instead of \mathbb{P} , we get for $D_4(y) = (K - k_v) 1_{\{y < k_\varepsilon\}}$ in (B.14) the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
D^{(4)} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp(-r(T-t)) \int \int (K - k_\varepsilon) 1_{\{z < \ln k_\varepsilon - \ln y\}} \\
&\quad \cdot \exp \left(-iuz + A^{\mathbb{Q}}(T-t, u) + B^{\mathbb{Q}}(T-t, u)v \right) dudz \\
&= -\frac{1}{y} (K - k_v) \exp(-r(T-t)) f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{Q}}(\ln k_\varepsilon),
\end{aligned}$$

where $f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{Q}}$ denotes the \mathbb{Q} -density of $Z^*(T) = \ln(Y^*(T))$.

Hence, the condition equivalent to (SC) in the context of the fourth piece is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{y} \right) \frac{K^\gamma - k_v^\gamma + \gamma \lambda_\varepsilon}{\gamma} f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{P}}(\ln k_\varepsilon) &\stackrel{!}{=} y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) \quad (\text{ESC Binary}) \\ &\quad \left(\frac{1}{y} \right) (K - k_v) \cdot \exp(-r(T-t)) f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{Q}}(\ln k_\varepsilon) \\ \iff \frac{K^\gamma - k_v^\gamma + \gamma \lambda_\varepsilon}{\gamma} f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{P}}(\ln k_\varepsilon) &\stackrel{!}{=} y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) (K - k_v) \\ &\quad \cdot \exp(-r(T-t)) f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{Q}}(\ln k_\varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Condition (ESC Binary) is satisfied if the following relationship among λ_ε , y , k_ε and k_v holds:

$$\lambda_\varepsilon = y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) (K - k_v) \exp(-r(T-t)) \frac{f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{Q}}(\ln k_\varepsilon)}{f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{P}}(\ln k_\varepsilon)} - \frac{K^\gamma - k_v^\gamma}{\gamma}. \quad (\text{B.15})$$

So by Lemma 2.2, both (2.15) and (2.16) in Theorem 2.1 are satisfied at an arbitrary but fixed $t \in [0, T]$, when Condition (SC) holds at $t \in [0, T]$. In Part 1 of this proof, we have shown that for an arbitrary but fixed $t \in [0, T]$, ensuring Condition (SC) is equivalent to ensuring $\bar{U}_y^{(i)} = y^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(t) + b(t)v) D_y^{(i)} \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ for the constructed D . As we have also shown, these four equalities are satisfied when $\lambda^v(t) = -\sigma\sqrt{1-\rho^2}b(t)$ and (B.15) hold, imposing a specific relationship among λ_ε , k_ε , k_v and y at $t \in [0, T]$. The optimal Lagrange multiplier is determined at $t = 0$ via

$$\lambda_\varepsilon^* = y_0^{\gamma-1} \exp(a(0) + b(0)v_0 - rT) (K - k_{v,0}) \frac{f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{Q}}(\ln k_{\varepsilon,0})}{f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{P}}(\ln k_{\varepsilon,0})} - \frac{K^\gamma - k_{v,0}^\gamma}{\gamma}$$

and imposes the relationship among the degrees of freedom $k_{\varepsilon,t}$, $k_{v,t}$ and y_t at each $t \in [0, T]$.

Part 2. At any $t \in [0, T]$, Condition (2.17) is satisfied due to the assumption that $(y_t, k_{v,t}, k_{\varepsilon,t})$ solves the vega-neutrality equation in (NLS), namely

$$h_{VN}(y_t, k_{v,t}, k_{\varepsilon,t}) := \hat{D}(t, y_t, v_t; k_{v,t}, k_{\varepsilon,t}) = 0.$$

Note that for any $t \in (0, T]$ the system (NLS) has three variables and three equations. The same applies to the system (NLS0) at $t = 0$.

Part 3. As argued in Parts 1 and 2, Conditions (2.15) – (2.17) are satisfied, at $t = 0$, the second equation in (NLS0) ensures that the VaR constraint is satisfied:

$$h_{VaR}(y_0, k_{v,0}, k_{\varepsilon,0}) := \mathbb{P}(Y^*(T) < k_{\varepsilon,0} | Y^*(0) = y_0, v(0) = v_0) = \varepsilon.$$

Thus, we can apply Theorem 2.1 for $\lambda^v = -\sigma\sqrt{1-\rho^2}b(t)$ and conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} X^{x, \pi_c^*}(T) &= D(Y^{y, \pi_u^*}(T)) \quad \text{with} \\ x &= D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v) := \mathbb{E}_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)} \left[\exp(-r(T-t)) D(Y^{y, \pi_u^*}(T)) \right]; \\ \mathcal{V}^c(t, x, v) &= \bar{U}^{D, \mathbb{P}}(t, y, v); \\ \pi_c^*(t) &= \pi_u^*(t) \cdot y \cdot \frac{D_y^{\mathbb{Q}}(t, y, v)}{D^{\mathbb{Q}}(t, y, v)}, \end{aligned}$$

where D is the derivative constructed via a continuum of contingent claims with payoffs $\widehat{D}(\cdot; k_{v,t}, k_{\varepsilon,t})$, as allowed by Proposition 3.1.

Appendix C Explicit formulas for the left-hand side of (NLS)

In this section of the appendix, we provide representations of the equations in (NLS) in the spirit of Carr and Madan (1999).

Budget equation. First, we provide a formula for the price of a plain-vanilla put option. Second, we derive the formula for the price of a digital put option. Afterwards, we will provide the formula for the LHS of the budget equation, which combines the formulas obtained in the previous two steps.

Put option. Take any $\alpha_P > 1$ and any strike $K > 0$. Denote $k = \ln(K)$. Analogously to Equation (3.50) in Fabrice (2013), pages 82–83, we can get:

$$\begin{aligned} Put(k) &:= Put(Y^*(T), K) = \mathbb{E}_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\exp(-r(T-t)) (K - Y^*(T))^+ \right] \\ &= \frac{\exp(\alpha k)}{\pi} \\ &\quad \cdot \int_0^{+\infty} \text{Real} \left(\frac{\exp(-r(T-t)) \exp(-iuk)}{\alpha_P^2 - \alpha_P - u^2 + iu(1 - 2\alpha_P)} \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{Q}}(u + (\alpha_P - 1)i; t, \ln y, v) \right) du. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.1})$$

Digital put option. Let $K > 0$ be an arbitrary but fixed strike of a digital put option with the nominal payment of 1 monetary unit. Denote $k = \ln(K)$. Then the price of such a digital put option is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} DigPut(k) &:= DigPut(Y^*(T), K) = \mathbb{E}_{t,y,v}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\exp(-r(T-t)) \mathbb{1}_{\{Y^*(T) < K\}} \right] \\ &\stackrel{Def}{=} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\exp(-r(T-t)) \mathbb{1}_{\{Z^*(T) < k\}} | Z^*(t) = \ln(y), v(t) = v \right] \\ &= \exp(-r(T-t)) \mathbb{Q}(Z^*(T) < k | Z^*(t) = \ln(y), v(t) = v) \\ &= \exp(-r(T-t)) \int_{-\infty}^k f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{Q}}(z) dz. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.2})$$

Take any $\alpha_{DP} > 0$ and consider the following dampened price of a digital put option:

$$DigPut^{(\alpha_{DP})}(k) = \exp(-\alpha_{DP}k) DigPut(k). \quad (\text{C.3})$$

Then the Fourier transform of $DigPut^{(\alpha_{DP})}(k)$ is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{DigPut^{(\alpha_{DP})}}(k) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(iuk) DigPut^{(\alpha_{DP})}(k) dk \\ &\stackrel{(\text{C.2})}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(iuk) \exp(-\alpha_{DP}k) DigPut(k) dk \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \stackrel{(C.2)}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(iuk) \exp(-\alpha_{DP}k) \exp(-r(T-t)) \int_{-\infty}^k f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{Q}}(z) dz dk \\
& \stackrel{(i)}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_z^{+\infty} \exp(iuk) \exp(-\alpha_{DP}k) \exp(-r(T-t)) f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{Q}}(z) dk dz \\
& = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(-r(T-t)) f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{Q}}(z) \left(\int_z^{+\infty} \exp(iuk) \exp(-\alpha_{DP}k) dk \right) dz \\
& \stackrel{\alpha_{DP} > 0}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(-r(T-t)) f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{Q}}(z) \frac{\exp(iuz - \alpha_{DP}z)}{\alpha_{DP} - iu} dz \\
& = \frac{\exp(-r(T-t))}{\alpha_{DP} - iu} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(iz(u - \alpha_{DP}/i)) f_{Z^*(T)}^{\mathbb{Q}}(z) dz \\
& = \frac{\exp(-r(T-t))}{\alpha_{DP} - iu} \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{Q}}(u - \alpha_{DP}/i; t, \ln y, v) \\
& = \frac{\exp(-r(T-t))}{\alpha_{DP} - iu} \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{Q}}(u + \alpha_{DP}i; t, \ln y, v) \tag{C.4}
\end{aligned}$$

where in (i) we changed the order of integration.

Therefore, the price of a digital put option is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{DigPut}(k) &= \exp(\alpha_{DP}k) \exp(-\alpha_{DP}k) \text{DigPut}(k) \stackrel{(C.3)}{=} \exp(\alpha_{DP}k) \text{DigPut}^{(\alpha_{DP})}(k) \\
& \stackrel{IFT}{=} \exp(\alpha_{DP}k) \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \text{Real} \left(\exp(-iuk) \phi^{\text{DigPut}^{(\alpha_{DP})}}(u) \right) du \\
& \stackrel{(C.4)}{=} \exp(\alpha_{DP}k) \frac{1}{2\pi} \\
& \quad \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \text{Real} \left(\exp(-iuk) \frac{\exp(-r(T-t))}{\alpha_{DP} - iu} \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{Q}}(u + \alpha_{DP}i; t, \ln y, v) \right) du \\
& = \exp(\alpha_{DP}k) \frac{1}{\pi} \\
& \quad \cdot \int_0^{+\infty} \text{Real} \left(\exp(-iuk) \frac{\exp(-r(T-t))}{\alpha_{DP} - iu} \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{Q}}(u + \alpha_{DP}i; t, \ln y, v) \right) du. \tag{C.5}
\end{aligned}$$

where IFT stands for Inverse Fourier Transform.

Therefore, the budget equation in (NLS) can be written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
& D^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v) \\
& = y + \int_0^{+\infty} \text{Real} \left(\frac{\exp(-r(T-t)) \exp(-iu \ln(K))}{\alpha_P^2 - \alpha_P - u^2 + iu(1 - 2\alpha_P)} \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{Q}}(u + (\alpha_P - 1)i; t, \ln y, v) \right) du
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \cdot \frac{\exp(\alpha_P \ln(K))}{\pi} \\
& - \int_0^{+\infty} \text{Real} \left(\frac{\exp(-r(T-t)) \exp(-iu \ln(k_v))}{\alpha_P^2 - \alpha_P - u^2 + iu(1-2\alpha_P)} \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{Q}}(u + (\alpha_P - 1)i; t, \ln y, v) \right) du \\
& \cdot \frac{\exp(\alpha_P \ln(k_v))}{\pi} \\
& - \int_0^{+\infty} \text{Real} \left(\exp(-iu \ln(k_\varepsilon)) \frac{\exp(-r(T-t))}{\alpha_{DP} - iu} \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{Q}}(u + \alpha_{DP}i; t, \ln y, v) \right) du \\
& \cdot (K - k_v) \exp(\alpha_{DP} \ln(k_\varepsilon)) \frac{1}{\pi}
\end{aligned}$$

VaR equation. The LHS of the VaR equation can be obtained from Equation (C.5) by considering the measure \mathbb{P} instead of \mathbb{Q} and setting $r = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{P}(Y^*(T) < k_\varepsilon | Y^*(t) = y, v(t) = v) = \exp(\alpha_{DP} \ln(k_\varepsilon)) \\
& \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \text{Real} \left(\frac{\exp(-iu \ln(k_\varepsilon))}{\alpha_{DP} - iu} \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{P}}(u + \alpha_{DP}i; t, \ln y, v) \right) du.
\end{aligned}$$

Vega equation. Differentiating the budget equation w.r.t v and using Remark 3 to Corollary 3.2, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
D_v^{\mathbb{Q}(\lambda^v)}(t, y, v) &= \frac{\exp(\alpha_P \ln(K))}{\pi} \\
& \cdot \int_0^{+\infty} \text{Real} \left(\frac{\exp(-r(T-t)) \exp(-iu \ln(K)) B^{\mathbb{Q}}(T-t, u + (\alpha_P - 1)i)}{\alpha_P^2 - \alpha_P - u^2 + iu(1-2\alpha_P)} \right. \\
& \cdot \left. \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{Q}}(u + (\alpha_P - 1)i; t, \ln y, v) \right) du - \frac{\exp(\alpha_P \ln(k_v))}{\pi} \\
& \cdot \int_0^{+\infty} \text{Real} \left(\frac{\exp(-r(T-t)) \exp(-iu \ln(k_v)) B^{\mathbb{Q}}(T-t, u + (\alpha_P - 1)i)}{\alpha_P^2 - \alpha_P - u^2 + iu(1-2\alpha_P)} \right. \\
& \cdot \left. \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{Q}}(u + (\alpha_P - 1)i; t, \ln y, v) \right) du - (K - k_v) \exp(\alpha_{DP} \ln(k_\varepsilon)) \frac{1}{2\pi} \\
& \cdot \int_{-0}^{+\infty} \text{Real} \left(\exp(-iu \ln(k_\varepsilon)) \frac{\exp(-r(T-t)) B^{\mathbb{Q}}(T-t, u + \alpha_{DP}i)}{\alpha_{DP} - iu} \right. \\
& \cdot \left. \phi^{Z^*(T), \mathbb{Q}}(u + \alpha_{DP}i; t, \ln y, v) \right) du.
\end{aligned}$$

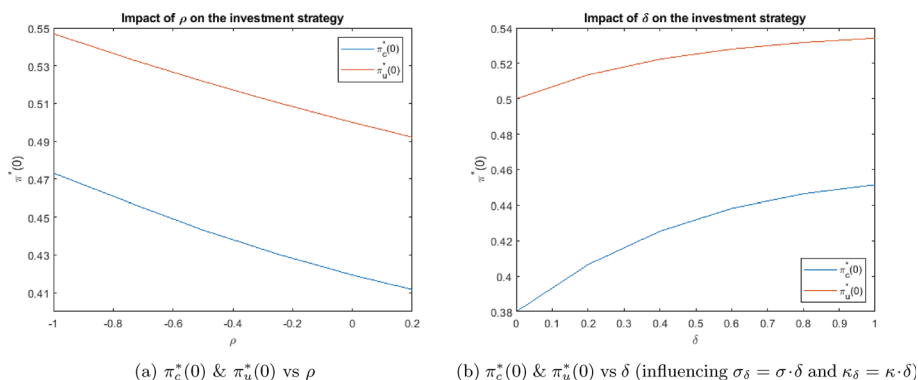


Fig. 4 The impact of ρ , σ , κ on the optimal investment strategies in a more turbulent market

Appendix D Numerical studies for more turbulent markets

In this subsection of the appendix, we consider $T = 3$ as in the main part of the article, but a decision maker with a smaller relative risk-aversion and who invests in a more turbulent market than we had before, i.e., higher initial value of the variance process, a higher long-term average variance, and a lower mean reversion rate. In particular, we set $\gamma = -1$ and use the values of the Heston model parameters so that they are consistent with Schoutens et al. (2004): $\nu_0 = 0.0654$, $\bar{\theta} = 0.0707$, $\tilde{\kappa} = 0.6067$, $\sigma = 0.2928$, $\rho = -0.7571$. We plot in Fig. 4 the sensitivity of the optimal constrained investment strategy w.r.t. ρ , σ , and κ .

In contrast to the case of average parameters considered in the main text of the paper, the sensitivity of the optimal constrained investment strategies w.r.t. the correlation coefficient, mean-reversion rate, and the volatility of the variance process is higher in a more volatile market. For example, according to the Fig. 4a, a decrease in the correlation coefficient from -40 to -60% leads to an increase of the initial optimal constrained investment strategy by more than 1%, namely from 42.7% to approximately 44%. Looking at $\delta = 1$ and $\delta = 0.75$ in Fig. 4b, we see that a decrease in volatility from 39.28 to 21.96% and the real-world-measure mean-reversion rate of the variance process from 0.8171 to 0.6128 would require a rational investor to decrease his/her initial constrained investment strategy by approximately 0.7%, namely, from 45.2 to 44.7%. The behavior is similar to that of the optimal unconstrained investment strategy. It can have the following economic interpretation. The infinitesimal Sharpe ratio of the risky asset is $\bar{\lambda}\sqrt{v(t)}$. It is negatively correlated with the Wiener process $W_1^{\mathbb{P}}(t)$ driving the stock returns. As a result, low return “today” tends to occur when $dW_1^{\mathbb{P}}(t)$ is negative and $dW_2^{\mathbb{P}}(t)$ is positive, which in turn pushes the “tomorrow’s” Sharpe ratio higher and may give hope to the investor for good investment in the risky asset. Consequently, an investor increases his/her position in the risky asset in comparison to the Black-Scholes market. The “more” incompleteness an investor sees in the market, the more chances he/she sees for making profit with the risky asset investment and the corresponding correction term will be larger.

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